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Who's Who and What's What

Of the first 119 colleges formed east of the Mississippi River, 104 were church schools.

The Japanese sponsored government in China is supported chiefly by the sale of opium, three million annually being received from that source.

Josephus Daniels, now ambassador to Mexico, is quoted as saying: "I was born a dry and have never tasted alcohol in drinks of any sort. I have never used tobacco in any form."

McKinley Backbone, clerk of the Indian Baptist Church at Lodge Grass, Montana, sent an offering from his church to help the Finns in their fight to save their country from the Russians.

Evangelist A. D. Muse spent eight days with Pastor J. E. Bryant and his people at Groner, Texas, in a Bible Conference, speaking three times a day. Attendance and interest increased to the close. They have a beautiful church with 800 members, 150 of them in the Brotherhood. Also 13 B. T. U.'s; 600 in Sunday school, and W. M. U. organizations. The church is thoroughly cooperative and spiritual. Brother Bryant is a good pastor and preacher.

The Richton Baptist Young People's Union and Intermediates held a very impressive watch night service in the home of the pastor, with 44 present. There was an interesting program of songs and reading. The director gave an inspiring talk on Running the Race with Christ in 1940. Just before midnight Pastor T. R. Coulter gave an object lesson on life as a book, road, flower, &c., very impressive. Just at the dawn of the New Year all pledged their lives anew in service to God and the B. T. U.

The sermons of of Dr. George W. Truett, as delivered in his church on Sunday morning, are now being recorded, and on the following Sunday night at 9:15, Central Standard Time, are being broadcast on the 100,000 watt radio station, XEAW, which can be heard anywhere in the United States. XEAW is heard from 960 kilocycles on the radio dial. The hour for the broadcast does not conflict with church services, and the broadcast seems just as real as if you were present when the sermon was being delivered.

The Baptist Bible Institute enrolled 240 students for work during the first semester. One hundred thirty-one (131) of these are taking Christian Training, and seventy-nine (79) Theological Training. Of this number one hundred and fifty-nine (159) are men, and eighty-one are women. There are students enrolled from eighteen (18) states, Washington, D. C., and five foreign countries. Of the eighteen states represented, Mississippi leads with an enrollment of fifty-three (53).

Mr. H. H. Sadler has published The Baptist Record of Iowa for forty years. In this time the number of Baptists in Iowa has grown from 38,396 to nearly 50,000. There are only three active pastors now in the state who were pastors forty years ago. In that time 84,713 have been baptized. In 1899 there were five Baptist educational institutions. Now there are none. The publisher says, "We are now paying a heavy penalty for our failure to keep at least one Baptist college in Iowa." The paper and the Iowa Baptist Assembly are the only Baptist statewide institutions.

All the churches of Waco, Texas, have a Church Loyalty Campaign for the month of January, February and March.

Dr. W. W. Gaines of Atlanta says the United States is spending \$46.15 per capita for liquor, and \$15.33 per pupil for education.

To the members of Leesburg and Branch Baptist Churches: You are going to receive each week a copy of the Baptist Record, your own Baptist paper. Read it and keep informed. It will make you a better Christian, and a greater supporter of all work, for the more we know about our work the more interest we will take in it. We read weekly and daily papers to keep up with world affairs. Let us read our Baptist paper to keep up with Baptist affairs.—Your Pastor, A. A. Kitchings.

Second Avenue, Laurel: We are happily located on our new field. These people have done everything possible to make our coming pleasant. Our home has been remodeled, the pantry was filled and yesterday afternoon the W.M.U. held Open House at the pastor's home, making it possible for us to meet a good number of the people. We left a good church at Liberty and will never forget those people for all the good things they did for us while we were there. That is truly a loyal group and some man will have a good place to live and serve. May God direct them to the right man.—C. W. Thompson.

Dr. Curtis Lee Laws retires from the Editorship of the Watchman-Examiner of New York. He says the work has gotten to be heavy for him after 27 years of service in this capacity. Dr. Laws is known around the world as a great editor, and has rendered the denomination and the cause of Christ great service in this more than a quarter of a century. He does not sever his connection with the paper, but will write as the spirit moves him, and will continue to be president of the Watchman-Examiner Foundation, Inc. We are glad that he will continue active in the work. He is a native of Virginia, an alumnus of University of Richmond and Crozer Seminary, and was a successful pastor in Baltimore before becoming editor. He is succeeded by Dr. Jno. W. Bradbury as editor, who Dr. Laws assures us will carry on the same policies as his illustrious predecessors.

"Assurance of Divine Fellowship" is a new book written by Dr. Clyde L. Breland, now of Louisville, Ky., and published by The Broadman Press (Baptist S. S. Board) of Nashville. And it is the sort of book that Christians ought to read; will enjoy reading and be helped by reading. We have the profound conviction that the only thing that does any of us any good, or will do the world any permanent good is to get the truths out of the Bible into our own minds and hearts. This book is a study of one of the books of the Bible, the "First Epistle of John." It is by one who has grasped the central truth of the book as shown in the title, "Assurance of Divine Fellowship." Dr. Breland has studied the book carefully, interprets it faithfully and applies it truly. It will repay thoughtful study. If you want help in understanding this great Epistle of John, then get this book and let it sink into your soul. Dr. Breland is a Mississippian and shows that a Mississippian can write a good book. Give him a chance to prove it to you. It is the kind of book that is bound to do good, the kind our people need. It can be had from The Baptist Book Store in Jackson for \$1.50. It will be like fresh water to your thirsty lips.

"Time," news weekly magazine says: "And good, dead Cardinal William Mudelein of Chicago would be happy to know that the idea he planted with Franklin Roosevelt in 1936—a restoration of relations with the Vatican since it is now a temporal state, not just a religion—has flourished thus solidly in the person of Tycoon Taylor."

The editor had the pleasure of preaching for Pastor B. E. Phillips Sunday morning at New Hebron and Sunday afternoon at Crooked Creek Church nearby. Also he was requisitioned to teach the men's class in the morning. We met in both churches friends whom we had known in the past, as we had been with them in revival meetings. Also at New Hebron we found all the families taking the Baptist Record. Brother Phillips has been on this field for 21 years, and the Lord is greatly blessing him and the people. Crooked Creek has a great history and now has 300 or more members with possibilities unlimited.

One of the chief arguments adduced by those who desire church union is that such union would save great expense in maintaining the churches. Bless you, the churches are not hurting themselves in giving to the support of the cause. The Bible standard of giving is one tenth of one's income. As it is we are in America giving about one tenth of one tenth. We are giving less to the churches than to picture shows, whiskey, tobacco, sports, or any one of several other such items. Don't complain about burdening the churches until they come to give about ten times what they are now giving.

To strip away all camouflage, the President has, in reality, established diplomatic relations with the Vatican without legal authority. He has done so, we believe, not as a peace move but as a political move. Roman Catholics will be greatly pleased and can be counted on to remember it at the polls. Protestants and Jews are expected to be diverted by the sop in the invitations to Dr. Buttrick and Dr. Adler, and to forget it long before November. In that expectation we predict that the President will be disappointed. The American majority does not want to see relations established between this government and any religious body, and it will hold Mr. Roosevelt responsible for having tried to do this under the nearly sacrosanct cover of a campaign for peace.—The Christian Century.

The Christian Century says editorially: President Roosevelt chose Christmas Day to drop a bombshell in the political campaign of 1940. Wrapped in the guise of a gift to the cause of peace he made a scarcely disguised bid for the political support of the Roman Catholic Church. In a move without precedent in international relations, he appointed Myron C. Taylor as his "personal representative" at the Vatican "for the duration of the war." It was emphasized at the White House that this appointment did not imply the establishment of diplomatic relations between the government of the United States and that of Vatican City. But the President was well enough aware of the political and religious implications of his act to seek to head off the wrath of non-Catholic groups by announcing that he had also invited the president of the Federal Council of Churches and the president of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York to call upon him from time to time for conference concerning problems that may arise out of the world situation. Both these invitations might be dismissed as political window dressing, except for the fact that they are so transparent that they will fill no windows.

Sparks and Splinters

It is said that Nietzsche, the German who opposed hospitals and said that the weak should be killed, the strong only be allowed to survive, himself died in a hospital (for the insane) at the age of 50.

It may be a good thing to report that a church has oversubscribed its budget. On the other hand it may be that the leadership needed a bigger faith and a better vision, that they might plan a bigger budget.

Centreville Church is publishing a weekly paper entitled News and Truths, giving a sermon by Pastor S. W. Waggener and other matter to inform the people and stimulate interest in the work.—Rutha Lee Williams.

Prof. and Mrs. J. M. Sharp of Jackson, formerly of Mississippi College at Clinton, spent the holidays visiting in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Margaret Yates (Mrs. Kyle M. Yates) at the Southern Seminary in Louisville.

Dr. J. W. Dickens of New Orleans, several years ago pastor in Mississippi, was in Jackson recently to see his first grandchild, a daughter of his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Carruth whose mother was a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. V. Rowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Goode Montgomery, formerly of Laurel and among the most helpful people in the First Church there, are now members of First Church, Atlanta, and we are sure they are rendering there the same loyal and efficient service.

The Watchman-Examiner tells of a man who sent \$100.00 as a contribution to those suffering in China as a result of the Japanese war. He said this was conscience money because it came as dividend from stock he had in a concern that had sold military supplies to Japan.

Pastor J. H. Street of West Laurel Church had the civil officers of the city and county as special guests at the church Sunday morning, Dec. 31. He preached on law observance and law enforcement. He made a strong appeal to the people to support the civil authorities and laid the responsibility for law enforcement on the officers, especially the sheriff. The mayor, the chief of police and the new sheriff were all present.

"The Way of Missionary Education" is a new book by Miss Juliette Mather, who is Young People's Leader for the W.M.U. of the Southern Baptist Convention. All who know Miss Mather are impressed with her unusually bright mind and her genuine consecration to her task. These are sufficient, with her several years experience in this field to fit her to be helpful in the field of missionary education. There is no more effective agency for enlistment among Southern Baptists than the W.M.U. and those who wish to learn can do so from this book. It is paper bound, has 176 pages and costs fifty cents.

We have not heard from other counties, but before presenting their commissions to the new officials of Tate County, Chancery Clerk M. S. Dougherty requested Pastor H. L. Martin of the Senatobia Church to lead in a special prayer for the officials and people of the county. We commend this example to others. Brother Dougherty has been for many years a deacon of the Coldwater Church and one of Mississippi's most concentrated laymen.

We thought we had watched the Baptist Courier of South Carolina closely, but we have failed to see in it any reference to a change of editors. However we have seen mention of it in so many papers that we presume that it is true, that Dr. W. C. Allen gives up the editorship and Dr. J. M. Burnett comes in to take his place. Dr. Allen has filled this place with credit for four years and his brethren will miss him. Dr. Burnett was some years ago teacher in Carson and Newman College in East Tennessee, and more recently pastor in South Carolina. We welcome him to the editorial brotherhood and wish for him the fulness of the Father's blessing.

BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE must pay \$4,320 interest due February 1st on first mortgage bonds. Keep us in your heart and prayers and gifts.—W. W. Hamilton, 1220 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana.

We are sorry to learn that the Baptist church building at Durant was burned about ten days ago. Pastor Haynie says it was practically ruined. We are not informed as to the amount of their loss. At present the Sunday school is meeting in the City Hall, and the church services are held in a building in the business part of the city, temporarily equipped.

Dr. W. J. Robinson of Kansas City (2439 Norton Ave.) will on Jan. 27 celebrate his fiftieth year in the ministry. Several years ago he was pastor of the First Church, Grenada, and later of First Church, Water Valley. At that time he wrote the Sunday school lesson for the Record. He has in recent years contributed articles to the Baptist Record and to several other Baptist papers. Congratulations on his passing the half century ministerial mile post, and going strong.

Pastor James A. Smith, a student in Mississippi College, had several of the ministerial students with him in a revival and training course the week before Christmas at Westside Church in Natchez. There were four large classes. Mr. Wayne Todd preached and Sedgie Pigott taught one of the classes. There were thirteen additions to the church, eight for baptism. Three others joined by baptism the Sunday following the meeting. That's a mighty good way to spend the Christmas holidays.

"Reporter" writes from Okolona that a meeting held in the church there by Charles Jolly, Tom Douglas and Roe Wilson, ministerial students in Mississippi college, was climaxed on Sunday night, Dec. 31, with a program given by college students at home for the holidays. On Friday evening a social was held and a miscellaneous shower given the young men who conducted the meeting. Pastor R. B. Patterson and Mrs. S. Stone, director of the B.T.U. are untiring in their work with the young people.

The building of the Baptist Church at Lexington was dedicated Sunday morning. It was erected during the pastorate of Dr. H. L. Martin, 1926-1931, now of Senatobia, and by invitation of the church Dr. Martin preached the dedication sermon. The building is a modern brick structure with a three-story annex for educational and social activities, and is one of the best equipped church buildings in the state. Under the leadership of Pastor F. J. Chastain all remaining indebtedness has been paid, and on Sunday the canceled bonds were burned.

Pastor Eug. I. Farr writes that Mt. Oral Church near Laurel voted to send the Baptist Record to every family. At Stringer a building committee of eight has been appointed, with J. E. McCarty as chairman. A budget was adopted which provides for a contribution every month to the cooperative program. Mt. Oral Church appointed a committee to plan for completing the Sunday school equipment, and authorized the appointment of a committee on pastor's home. Jones County Sunday School Association will start a Sunday school near the site of the Federal Housing Project.

On the last Sunday in December four new deacons were ordained by the church at Forest. They are James Fountain, G. D. Collier, H. E. Bishop and Arno Mills. Secretary D. A. McCall preached the sermon and Pastor A. B. Wood led the ordination prayer. It was a good day all around. At night the services were conducted by the college students of this church who were at home for the holidays. Next Sunday the church expects to be in its renovated building. The Sunday school has now an average attendance of as many as were enrolled two years ago. The year 1940 promises to be the best ever, every organization showing increased attendance and interest. The response to the every member canvass is excellent, many increasing their gifts.

The receipts of the Convention Board for December were \$5,000 ahead of those of one year ago. The cooperative program receipts were \$2,000 ahead of those for the same month a year before.

On Friday of last week Miss Leadora Williams was married to Mr. Scott Cone at First Baptist Church in Jackson, Pastor W. A. Hewitt officiating. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Williams of the Sunday School Department. The groom is a promising young business man of Jackson. These happy young people are making a trip to Florida.

Central Mississippi Preachers' Conference will be held at First Church, Jackson, Monday, Jan. 15, beginning at 9:30 and closing at 12:30. The general subject is "Purpose and Program of Our Baptist Life." Devotional will be led by D. W. McLeod. Theo. Whitfield will discuss "Pastor Purposing for the New Year." C. C. Jones will discuss "Our Baptist Life Witnessing for Christ." Owen Williams, "Personal Experiences of the Value of Our Baptist Life." M. O. Patterson, "Bible Basis for Our Baptist Program"—Bible Study. Sermon by A. A. Kitchings, on "Scriptural Standard for Our Baptist Life."

Just before the old year closed Dr. W. A. Hewitt, pastor of First Church, Jackson, announced that the five sons of Messrs. T. M. and R. M. Hederman have arranged to give to the church chimes in honor of their fathers and mothers. These two brothers have been deacons in the church for a good many years, and are outstanding citizens of Jackson. Their wives are among the most active members of First Church, and are worthy thus to be honored. This carrillon is the most modern made and includes the last word in music of this kind. Every day this music will be a beautiful reminder of the churches mission and worship.

"The devil was sick—the devil a saint would be. The devil got well—the devil of a saint was he." This like some other verses has more truth than poetry in it, and many applications. Just now we are thinking of the pious airs that the liquor business assumes. It doesn't stop at offering to pay your taxes for you, (Remember the father of lies) but comes now and offers to give you a scholarship in some college and promises you a liberal education. Better beware of an education soaked in liquor. A lighted match will start a conflagration. We remember hearing Geo. O. Barnes an evangelist who preached that some people would be saved by the blood of Jesus, and others by purgatorial fires, tell this story: A negro in Mississippi heard him preach this "gospel," and said, "Mr. Barnes, you say that some will be saved by faith and some by fire, and we'll all be together in heaven by and by."—"Yes, Uncle Mose."—"Mr. Barnes, 'pears to me, I could smell the fire on 'em."

—BR—

Life comes to me this glad New Year,
And whispers gently to my heart,
"We have not long to linger Here;
Let's covenant that we will start
A new Prayer-Life that takes in all
Who long for sin bound soul's release;
A new Song-Life whose echoes fall
O'er all the world that pleads for Peace.
A new Love-Life that knows no end."—
Come join me in this Pact, Dear Friend.

—Margaret McRea Lackey.

—BR—

Heart answers heart in Christ-like way
On this another New Year's Day.
As long as we shall linger here,
With urge, born of Christ's love so dear,
I pledge with you for those to pray
Who still from life's real source do stray.
Prayers like these, in years now past,
Which the Spirit in hearts did cast,
Brought glad answers in souls blood-bought
And also Peace, sublime, Heav'n-wrought.
Because his love still knows no end
I join you in this pact, Dear Friend.

—Bryan Simmons.

THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD

(A Sermon Heart)

F. V. McFatrige, Forest

The thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians is one of the rarest gems in all literature. Written in the form of prose, it is pure poetry in the music of its phrases, the imagery of its expression, and the sweep of its conceptions. It stirs the soul of the careful reader as only pure poetry can. It is Browning, I believe, who calls the poet a "truth-teller."

The King James translation is particularly unfortunate here in translating agapa "charity." It is the same word used in John 3:16 to designate the love that motivated the Father's heart when he sent His only begotten Son to become the world's savior. It is the same word Jesus uses in Peter's examination when he says: "Lovest thou me?" Peter answers with phileo. The third time Jesus uses phileo, rather than the strong word for love, and it is that which grieves Peter. It is the same word used in I Jno. 4:7-8, "God is love." Paul is writing about something far more important than that which we think of when we use the word "charity." He says: "Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing." Paul himself says that he is writing about the greatest thing in the world.

The Greatest Equipment For Service

It is greater than the gift of oratory, for "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or as a tinkling cymbal." The highest flight of oratory, not inspired and motivated by a heart of love is but a collection of empty phrases:

"Like a tale told by an idiot,

Full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

It is greater than intellectual power, the highest education, the greatest human wisdom. "Though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge . . . and have not love, I am nothing." This is a tremendous statement, and one that few of us are ready to accept without reservation. Is intellectual power without a heart of love of no value? Paul says not. The full head and the empty heart is the greatest menace of the age. Are we in danger of putting too great an emphasis upon mere learning, intellectual ability? Many of us think that we are ready for great Kingdom service when we are prepared to do what the negro preacher announced he was going to do: "Make known the unknowable, define the indefinable, and unscrew the unscrutable." A full head and an empty heart is as great a menace in the pulpit, in the classroom of an educational institution, as elsewhere. Intellectual power coupled with heart-power may make another Paul, but a keen intellect and a cold heart may produce another Hitler.

It is greater than great giving, for "Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing." We need to emphasize the Bible doctrine of stewardship, but we need to keep it clear that stewardship involves more than mere generosity. The great giver is not necessarily a great Christian. The principle of stewardship involves the getting as well as the use of money. The motive behind the gift, the spirit in which it is given, is more important to the individual and to the kingdom than the gift itself. God save the day when Christian churches are controlled by mere givers, and not by lovers of Christ and their fellow men.

The one supreme qualification for Christian service is a heart filled with a love that dominates the life. "Everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." (I Jno. 4:7-8).

Qualities of Love

In order that there may be no mistake in love, Paul gives us some of the qualities of the love he is talking about. Love is a word much misused. Men have made the statement "God is love" mean that God is a sentimental weakling,

incapable of enforcing His law or punishing offenses. Love is not weakness, but strength.

Love is humble and unassuming. "Vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up." Abe Martin said the other day: "There's one thing we all ought to let people find out fer 'emselves, an' that is how honest we are." Love is manifested in deeds rather than words. It does not boast. Lincoln once said of the doughty Douglas that he was the "first man he'd seen who could strut sitting down." Some of us, I fear, are so full of a sense of our own importance that we give to people the impression of strutting and posing always. Do we try to impress people by an imposing appearance, by our careful diction, by the golden timbre of our voices, so that we seem to be saying: "Look at us!" rather than "Look to Christ!"?

Love is unselfish: "Seeketh not her own, envieth not." Greed and envy! Twin demons from hell that wreck more lives and institutions, cause more strife, heartaches, and bitterness than anything else! There are people in our churches so bent on having their own way that they would split the church into warring factions upon the unyielding rock of their self-wills. Envy nailed Christ to the cross, as far as the leaders of Israel were concerned, according to the Scripture, yet it is the bane of many an otherwise useful Christian life. Someone else, whom we judge no more gifted or worthy than ourselves, has a more prominent place, a better salary, wears better clothes, lives in a finer house, and drives a better car than we, and we cannot love him as we should because of envy.

Love is slow to take offense. "Suffereth long, and is kind . . . is not easily provoked." It is said of Jesus: "Who when he was reviled, reviled not again." He said we were to forgive until seventy times seven. I once heard of a man and wife who lived together for years without speaking directly to each other. A misunderstanding, a wrong unforgiven, two hearts walled up by selfish pride unrelenting, unforgiving, and two lives ruined by bitterness. I have seen people in the same church, kneeling in prayer together, with a wall of bitterness between them. Hatred is a corroding acid that will eat all the sweetness out of life and leave an empty shell. The person hating is always more to be pitied than the person hated, and yet some go through life with a chip on each shoulder, ready to be mortally offended at some slight. "Love beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."

Love is not suspicious: "Thinketh no evil." The gossip is recognized by all right thinking persons as a menace to any community, and the chief qualification for the gossip is the readiness to find an occasion for suspecting the worst of everyone. Innocent occurrences are made the basis for accusing others of the worst of crimes. Suspicion of others is a sure indication of an evil heart. No group of people who are suspicious of each other's motives and intentions can be said to love one another. Someone has well said that "when suspicion comes in at the door, love flies out at the window"; they cannot dwell together.

Then, its enduring qualities. Prophecies shall fail, tongues shall cease, knowledge shall vanish away, but love never faileth. It endures to the end, and beyond . . . for love is eternal. Love is greater than faith, in many respects the most important word in the Christian vocabulary. "Without faith it is impossible to please God." It is the essential channel through which the grace of God can reach the heart in salvation. "By grace are ye saved, through faith." Faith is the key to God's storehouse of blessings. "When ye pray, believe that ye receive, and ye shall have." But, "Though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing." Love gives assurance and stability to faith: "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love." "Now abideth faith, hope, and love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

A Needed Message

This is a message sadly needed today, when the

greater part of mankind is in the grip of hate, and its hand-maiden, fear. Racial, national, class hatred keep Europe and Asia in a turmoil of bloody, cruel, inhuman, futile and foolish wars. The same forms of hatred inspires the organization of now futile but potentially dangerous groups in our own country. Any group founded upon hatred for any race, or class, or nationality is guilty of blasphemy when it uses any designation that would indicate relationship to Christ or His teachings. It is a message sadly needed in a day when love is impersonated by its sorry counterfeit, passion . . . when the command to "Love thy neighbor" can be made the theme of a cheap and suggestive ditty, and become popular. It is a message that Christianity must give to the world, and demonstrate before the world, if Christianity is not to fail in its high mission and challenge in this day and generation.

WHY I PLEDGE TO THE BUDGET OF MY CHURCH

A. A. Kitchings, Clinton, Miss.

First, because it is scriptural. I like to follow the scriptures. In the 9th chapter and 5th verse of Second Corinthians Paul admonishes the Corinthians to have ready "the before promised bounty", which they pledged a year ago.

Second, I want to pledge to my church because I pledge to everything else. I pledge my lodge to pay dues, my insurance company to pay premiums, my government to pay taxes, my merchant to pay grocery and feed bills, my wife to be true till death, and my Christ should come before all earthly obligations.

Third, I want to prove to my church the sincerity of my love for Christ and His church. An adequate pledge would be one indication.

Fourth, I want to keep step with my denomination. Nearly all of the wide awake Baptist churches of the South finance themselves through the pledge system.

Fifth, I want to help the financial officers of my church—the deacons—all I can. I can best help them by pledging and paying my pledge.

Sixth, I want my pastor to know that I am behind him one hundred percent. If I refuse to pledge he may think I am not loyal to him.

Seventh, I want my church to share in winning the lost out to the limits of the earth. If I refuse to pledge I fear it will help to choke the missionary spirit of my church.

Eighth, I want to be connected with the best of everything. The pledge system is the best system found by Baptist churches to raise finance.

Ninth, I want to help save my church treasurer the embarrassment of being unable to pay church bills when they fall due. The pledge system, properly working takes care of that situation.

Tenth, I pledge because I want to feel obligated to support my church. My observation leads me to believe that those who do not pledge feel no obligation.

Eleventh, because I want to "tote fair" with my brethren. It would not be fair for them to get all the joy and blessing of supporting the cause of my Christ, while I act as a free lance, and refuse to cooperate with my church.

Twelfth, my church covenant obligates me to support my church. When my church adopts the pledge system, then I am obligated to help work it.

Calvary Church, Tupelo, is happy in the dedication of their new church building on the last Sunday of the old year. For more than four years the work has gone on and now the \$83,000 building is given to the Lord free of debt. Dr. D. I. Purser of Birmingham preached the dedication sermon and Pastor S. B. Cooper led in the prayer. The deacons burned the last note. Dr. J. P. Kirkland of New Albany read the scriptures and Mr. Paul Ballard was in charge of the music, with Mrs. G. W. Davis at the organ. In the evening Secretary D. A. McCall brought the message, and it was a service of dedication of life to the Lord. We rejoice with these people who have so much to make them glad and grateful.

EDITORIALS

WHERE DO YOU CARRY YOUR SWORD?

The sword is a weapon of offense, also of defense, and a symbol of authority. Conquests are made by the sword, or such power as the sword symbolizes. Our rights are defended by the sword, or such instruments as the sword symbolizes. And the sword is a sign of official position. As a matter of fact the sword long ago ceased to be the actual instrument in fighting but it remains in our language as the symbol of that force with which one contends and seeks to advance his cause. Civil authority is spoken of when Paul says of governors, "They bear not the sword in vain." Spiritual authority is meant when Paul says, "Take the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God."

Physical force is necessary to the state, to preserve itself and protect its citizens. But physical force is the last resort, to be employed when reason fails to restrain. That goes for the state, the school and the family. It is sometimes said, "You can't legislate morals into people." That may be so or not so, according to what you mean by it. If you mean that you can't change a man's nature by law, it is certainly true. But if you mean that you can't prevent a man's doing wrong by law, it is certainly far from the truth. The truth is that nearly all legislation is to keep people from doing wrong and to compel them to do right. And the man who insists that legislation cannot affect a man's morals is only advertising that he means to do wrong and he does not want anybody interfering with him. Law is still a school master to bring us to something better.

All of us would like to see the necessity for force removed in dealing with people. Notice we said the necessity for force, not force itself, not until the necessity is removed. Law is made for the lawless, and these we have always with us.

Certainly it is better for men to be governed by reason and conscience. This appeal to reason is the sword of the Spirit. This is Jesus' method. He realized that there are some people who are not amenable to reason, and who do not seem to have any conscience. Jesus said, "I come not to judge the world but to save it." Those who will not accept Him as Lord, he would turn over to Moses and the law. But his method is by the sword "that proceedeth out of his mouth," not by physical compulsion. Men who have been sent to the penitentiary for a crime against the state, have been convicted under the preaching of the gospel and saved from a life of crime and sin. The sword that proceeds out of the mouth is mightier than that which swings in a scabbard.

Most men are rational, responsive to reason. Down in their hearts they can be controlled by the preaching of the truth. Nations recognize this principle when they have a constitutional government, when they send men to congress and the legislature. The word parliament means a "talk fest," a gathering of people to talk things over, to confer, to come to agreement by having facts and truths brought out in the open. It is sometimes called "government by gab." This is rather caricaturing the truth, but in a sense it is true.

If the nations of the earth could be gotten together about a council table, to talk things over and through, there would be more chance for righteousness and peace. It is when speech is suppressed and people are controlled from overhead by fear that progress stops and danger begins.

First Church, Canton, has a committee of five to draft a calendar of activities for 1940. They are Hermon Dean, G. M. Smith-Vaniz, J. D. Maness, Mrs. Grady Morgan and Mrs. H. M. McLeod. Last year the church gave for all purposes \$10,219.83, which is about \$1,600 more than the year before. For missions \$3,425.76 were given.

SAVING AT THE SPIGOT AND WASTING AT THE BUNG

This seems quite an appropriate statement of the condition that obtains in the United States in reference to the liquor business; and one that some people are recommending for Mississippi. They clamor for the licensing of liquor sales in order that we may get the revenue from it. They seem utterly unmindful of the fact that many times the amount received in revenue is spent to overcome the results of liquor sales in costs of crime.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation tells us that the cost of crime in America is fifteen billion dollars, a large part of which is due to the drinking of liquor, and that liquor drinking and crime have multiplied since the repeal of the prohibition amendment.

In the states where liquor is licensed jails have been enlarged and new jails have had to be built. Alabama is a conspicuous example. The number of alcoholic patients in hospitals has multiplied. New institutions have multiplied for treatment of inebriates, and traffic deaths have greatly increased. We were told only yesterday of a case where one family had paid out \$30,000 because of a drinking son.

The man who advocates licensing of liquor to save money is one of three things: in the employment of the liquor interests, grossly ignorant or not responsible.

ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

This phrase is used the second time in the Acts of the Apostles in the fourth chapter. The first time it is found in the second chapter, which gives the pentecostal experience. In the fourth chapter it is said probably of different people from those spoken of in the second chapter, though it is possible that they may have experienced this filling of the Spirit a second time.

No names are here given; the people are simply described as "their own company," that is the companions and associates of Peter and John to whom they went after being threatened and commanded not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. To these Peter and John reported their experiences before the council. This brought the group to pray earnestly to God that His servants might be given all boldness in preaching, and that the Lord would stretch forth his hand in healing and in signs and wonders.

God answers immediately: The place was shaken; they were filled with the Spirit and spake the word of God with boldness; and all that believed were of one heart and soul. Here are the germinant products of the Spirit. Here is a physical miracle, a moral transformation and a community of interests. The place is shaken; their tongues are loosed; and practical fellowship prevailed. Take these three manifestations of the Spirit separately.

The shaking of the place where they were is symbolic of the power of God exercised in the Holy Spirit. This was to establish the faith in God. They had the world against them. All the authority of the rulers was against them. Every effort was being made to frighten them into silence and submission. They were arrested and put in ward, brought before the sanhedrin and questioned; then dismissed with the command never again to open their mouths on this subject. They went away with their heads up, but with the certainty in their minds that the next measures were to be more drastic and severe. Their faith needed bolstering, and God indicates that his power is with them. They had spoken of God as the one who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that in them is. And now God answers their faith with a manifestation of his power. This power can shake the earth and the heavens; it can destroy the whole army of evil forces; it can shake the shackles from the hands and feet of the disciples. The same power which destroys evil can protect them. "He will shake not the earth only, but also the

heavens," and remove the things which can be shaken that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

"They spake the word of God with boldness." Boldness and courage are not the same but they are closely akin. Courage is an inward quality which is born of faith in God and in the truth and in righteousness. "In your faith supply courage." Boldness is the product and expression of courage. Boldness has particularly to do with speech, with speaking out openly, in being unafraid to give utterance to the convictions of your heart. It takes courage to have convictions. It takes boldness to speak them out.

Personally I do not know of any quality that Christians stand in greater need of today than boldness. The cause of righteousness is suffering unmeasured loss and harm today because Christian people, including preachers, are tongue tied, have their mouths muzzled, are afraid to say what they believe, afraid to rebuke sin, afraid to proclaim righteousness and contend for it.

A few years ago when an election was on which involved the prohibition of the liquor traffic, some people were heard to say they were voting for the liquor candidate, but praying for his opponent to be elected. It is just such pussy-footing that discredits the right and exalts the wrong. There is no greater need in the world today, nor in our churches, than that of men who are not afraid to stand on their feet and sound a clear trumpet note in favor of righteousness and in condemnation of iniquity. We have too many men who are trying to save their skins by sh - - ing on moral questions. There is a limit to prudence, and it is where the truth is at stake. There are too many who are shrugging their shoulders and saying, "We had better leave that subject alone." We have known preachers in Mississippi who lost their jobs because they dared speak out against ungodliness and law violations. And we have known a few who sought to hold their jobs by evading a plain duty in meeting an evil. We shall never have the boldness needed to make the gospel effective until men are filled with the Spirit of God.

And the third thing which resulted from these people being filled with the Spirit was that "the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and soul: and not one of them said that aught of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. Neither was there among them any that lacked; for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles' feet, and distribution was made unto each, according as any man had need."

Here is shown unrestrained generosity, born of the love of God poured forth in their hearts by the Holy Spirit which was given them. Their purse strings were loosed, their assets were liquid, their wants were met. And in utter confidence they committed what they gave to those who were in position to distribute it to best advantage. Suspicion and criticism vanished.

None of us wishes the war to continue. But we fail to see how the desirable end can be achieved by handing to the Vatican a diplomatic victory, and by bestowing preeminence upon an ecclesiastical hierarchy which condoned the destruction of Ethiopia, openly sponsored the reactionary victory in Republican Spain, and offered no protest against the invasion of Albania, aggressions perpetrated by the Pope's own country.—Watchman-Examiner.

Beginning the first Sunday in February the Hazlehurst Church will have a ten weeks "Church Conscience Crusade." The purpose is to enlist all the membership in the work of the church. The membership is divided into groups of 12 to 15, with about 37 captains or leaders. Cards are to be signed and turned in registering attendance each Sunday. A calendar for the period is given each member, on which are given the sermon topics; also daily Bible readings that enable each one to read the New Testament through in three months.

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HONEST HEARTS

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Alexander Pope didn't miss the truth much if any when he said "An honest man is the noblest work of God." Much ado is made of "honor" by men who probably know little about its meaning. But honor is held in high esteem and is jealously defended because it is the very essence of good character. It is the quality of flawless transparency that gives value to a diamond, and makes it the most precious of stones. It is purity in a higher sense than freedom from the presence of just one evil quality. It is more than chastity; it is freedom from corrupt motives, willingness to know the truth and determination to accept it and follow it at any cost.

Honesty is an open mind to truth and a hatred and horror of falsehood. Men have varying standards of honesty. God has just one. The genuine article is apparently rather scarce. Most men are honest up to a certain point, but beyond that—

In the parable of the four kinds of soil Jesus says that the kind which brings forth fruit is the kind that receives the truth into "good and honest hearts." Everything depends on that. A good and honest heart will receive the truth. And it is the only kind that does. The truth fits a heart like that and does not find a resting place anywhere else. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice." It takes an ear to hear. You can't hear with your hand or your foot. Jesus also said, "Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice." He also said, "If any man willeth to do the Father's will, he shall know of the doctrine (teaching) whether it is of God, or whether I speak of myself." Again he said, "If thine eye be single thy whole body shall be full of light." The truth like light will go anywhere the doors and windows are open. It cannot go where men's eyes are shut.

The chief obstacle to the progress of righteousness, progress of the kingdom of God is that men's hearts are not honest. They are unwilling to receive the truth. The light is come into the world and men love darkness rather than the light. The worst effect of wrong-doing is to blind men's eyes. Read Isaiah 6, which is quoted many times in the New Testament. The kingdom of Satan is a kingdom of darkness.

The reason men do not see the Bible alike is that they are lacking in the essential quality of honesty. They are unwilling to face the truth, to let it have its way with them. The reason there are so many denominations in the world is that men come to the Bible with preconceived opinions, with bias, which is another name for dishonesty. The only way men can ever get together is to come to the Bible with open minds, with minds which have been opened by the Spirit of truth.

There is not a man of us but needs to ask God to give us an honest heart that we may receive the truth. The man who resents this suggestion of need is the first to prove that he is unwilling to let the truth have its way with him. But the only man who brings forth fruit at all is the one who receives the truth into a good and honest heart.

EVANGELISM

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Evangelism is from the very heart of God. Jesus Christ was the perfect Evangelist. The Holy Spirit is Evangelical in His person and work. The Bible is the Evangelistic Book.

True Evangelism will cause sinners to repent of their sins and trust Jesus Christ for Salvation. Many members of the churches do not know the conditions of the mission fields as well as some of us who have had experiences, observation and first-hand information. People are victims of heresies and heretics. Pray for us. Call on us.

May we all be true to God's Holy Word and more Christ-like in our efforts to win the lost to Christ. Where the Holy Spirit leads, there will be true Evangelism, Christ will be magnified and God will be glorified.

E. D. Estes, State Evangelist.

IT'S JUST COMMON SENSE

Lawson H. Cooke

According to our denominational statistics, sixty-five per cent of Southern Baptists are not participating in the work of their churches. That means that, of the million men, who are members of Southern Baptist churches, six hundred and fifty thousand of them are unemployed. The Brotherhood is a movement seeking to relieve this very serious unemployment situation. It is an enlistment movement in Southern Baptist churches, the purpose of which is to interest and enlist a million men in the whole program of their churches and denomination.

It is immediately realized, however, that you cannot interest and enlist a man to any large extent until he has been informed regarding the field in which he is to work. That being true, the regular reading of The Baptist Record, very obviously, is inseparably a part of any effort to enlist the men of Mississippi in the work of their churches.

Notwithstanding the proportion of the task, and also frankly realizing that many men are as indifferent to our denominational publications as they are to their churches, the Brotherhood, during 1940, and perhaps thereafter until the task is completed, will endeavor to place our state papers in every home represented by the memberships of the twenty-odd thousand churches in the Southern Baptist Convention.

This will not be undertaken with a blast of trumpets, a lot of ballyhoo, or a program of cheap propaganda, but with a seriousness of purpose, and with a consecration of effort which is consistent with such a vital Christian movement. This is not to be a campaign, but one phase of our efforts to consummate the Great Commission.

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The Y. M. C. A. has been dissolved in Greece by order of the government and all its property taken over.

Philipp: Philipp Baptist Sunday school had a full corps of officers and teachers Sunday, and a surprisingly large attendance of pupils. All look to the new year full of hope. Mr. Albert Stubbs is superintendent, Mr. J. P. Hoy, Adult teacher; Mrs. A. G. Thomason, Young People's teacher; Miss Thompson, Intermediate; Mrs. E. R. Kelly, Juniors; Mrs. T. P. Cason, Primaries. We expect 1940 to be our banner year. We are overjoyed to have Mrs. Albert Stubbs back after a long illness. To my surprise and joy the Sunday school by a standing vote unanimously expressed appreciation of me as their secretary-treasurer. This is one of the greatest honors of my life. The blessing of God be on them.—J. L. Goodwin.

The Watchman-Examiner of New York says with reference to President Roosevelt's appointment of an ambassador to the Pope: What we deeply regret is that such a noble cause as world peace should become the occasion for what has the appearance of political opportunism. The cause itself is endangered by the very manner of its prosecution. There is little hope of achieving international harmony by giving cause for nation-wide discord. The unity of our domestic front is vitally essential to international accord. We remember what happened to the League of Nations because of disagreement among our citizens on the issue. The matter of the recognition of the Papacy is now forced upon us through no desire of our own. There is no balance between the plain, simple correspondence of the President and Dr. Buttrick and Dr. Adler and the regal, temporal dignity of a foreign power which transmits to the White House a reply to the President's communication from Pius XII through Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, of New York, who received it from Archbishop A. G. Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate in Washington, D. C., who received authorization from the Cardinal Secretary of State in the Vatican, who received consent from Pius XII. These are all the indirections of royal and sovereign diplomacy and indicate fully in what sense the Vatican regards the appointment of the ambassador.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b, "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL."

Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

ENTERPRISE

Rev. D. L. Stennis is the pastor at Enterprise and he is fortunate in having as one of his members John A. Farmer of the State Sunday School Department. Plans are on foot to repair and remodel the church which will enlarge its usefulness. They asked us to be with them in their 53rd Sunday service. They took the 53rd Sunday offering which is to be sent to Secretary McCall to be used for Baptist obligations. We had the privilege of being entertained in the home of the Charles Brents. Not to have been entertained in that delightful home is to have missed one of the good things of life.

Clarke County has subscribers listed as follows: Union Church 2; QUITMAN 73; Quitman R.F.D. 2; Shubuta 5; Shubuta R.F.D. 1; CLEAR CREEK 10; Crandall 2; DeSoto 1; Enterprise 3; Pachuta 3; STONEWALL 23; West Enterprise 3; Souenlovie 1.

OLD FELLOWSHIP—Jasper

Mrs. Earl McMillan recently sent a nice list from Old Fellowship Church. Rev. Hardee Kennedy is the pastor. The records show that Old Fellowship stands behind all the organized work of Mississippi Baptists.

Jasper County subscribers are listed as follows: SHARON 11; Rt. 1 Heidelberg 5; HEIDELBERG 40; Stringer 3; BAY SPRINGS 82; LOUIN 53; MONTROSE 17; VOSSBURG 3; Fellowship 10.

A TOUCHING LETTER

Dear Brother Lipsey:

I read in the Record where a poor woman confined to her bed and could not renew her paper. Now I have been very poor and my baby boy served in the World's War and came home a mental wreck. He has been in the Veteran's Hospital 20 years. But God has been good to me; the Government has given me a pension of 30 dollars each month. I am now in my 81st year and the time is short. I am sending you one dollar. Send her the paper 8 months and may God bless her. Please pray for me. I am sick, but as long as I can help someone it helps me to live.

Yours in the Master's Cause,

(Many others could send us a dollar to help some person that really wants the Record but is unable to pay for it. We have such calls almost daily.—A. L. G.)

A DESERVED MEMORIAL

Dear Editor:

My father, B. A. Higdon, died on October 19th but as he was such a faithful reader of the Record, I would like for you to continue the Record in his name as a tribute to his memory.

Yours very truly,

George H. Higdon.

ANOTHER RECORD FRIEND

"Dear Brother Goodrich: My son gets the Record as his church has the E F Plan. If he moves away I will then renew for I don't ever intend to be without the Record. I appreciate your jogging me up.

Respectfully,

Mrs. W. A. Denton,
New Albany."

Pastor W. C. Howard says the Water Valley Church had an average attendance of 164 at prayer meeting in December. The high mark was 204. The average was reduced by the Christmas holidays. On the closing day of the year there were six additions to the church, with good attendance at all the services.

PASTORAL PROBLEMS

By Norman W. Cox

"When to Pray"

As we visit the sick and go into homes, the question of when to have a prayer with the people and when not to pray with them is a problem that bothers us again and again.

One thing I have learned in these twenty-nine years that I have been a pastor is that people generally appreciate their pastor's praying for them personally. I believe more of us err in not praying often enough with the people than make the mistake the other way.

Again and again my people in after weeks tell me how much a prayer we had together meant to them. They would prefer that we take the initiative. It means more to them.

I shall never forget an experience that I had with a fifteen year old boy. He had been long in the hospital with a serious bone infection. I had been to see him many times. He is one of the bravest, sunniest souls I have ever known. One day I was in a great hurry and started to leave him without having a prayer. I had got into the hall and was out of his sight, when I heard him call me. I turned back to the door and stopped, and, wistfully, he looked into my face and said: "Did you forget to pray for me? You don't know how much it means."

"Contritely, I answered him: "Pardon me, Bobby, I will never make that mistake again."

We cannot fix any rule for this. But, in the last few years, I almost always have a prayer in every sick room into which I go, whether they be saint or sinner, it matters not. The sinners seem to appreciate it as much as the saints. I know it helps me.

And, as the disciples of our Lord asked him to teach them how to pray, even so, we need to carefully ask him to teach us how to pray for people in all kinds of circumstances and under all conditions. Many times I have heard of church members lamenting that their pastor came to see them and did not pray with them.

COMMISSION OF TWENTY

The commission of twenty, appointed by the Mississippi Baptist Convention in annual session at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, November 14-16, 1939, to study the entire needs financially of all our boards and institutions, and seek to formulate some practical plan for meeting these needs, had its first meeting at the Baptist Headquarters in Jackson on Tuesday, December 12, 1939.

There were sixteen of the twenty present when the meeting was called to order at 2:30 p. m. After a brief Scripture quotation, and a season of prayer for the Lord's leadership, Mr. W. G. Mize was elected secretary.

The recommendations as to the duties of the commission were read, and after a brief discussion it was decided to divide the work so that five committees with four members each could concentrate on some definite phase of the work. The committees and names of the members have already appeared in the Record, so they will not be included here.

A motion was made which carried unanimously and enthusiastically to the effect that the chairman of the commission be requested to make a statement to Mississippi Baptists about this first meeting, and keep them informed as to our procedure in the future. It was further desired that any member of a cooperating Baptist church having a suggestion or information that would help this commission in its work would feel free to pass same on to the chairman or any member of the commission.

The fine spirit in the meeting, and the evident desire to find the will of the Lord were most encouraging. The committees have either already met, or have plans to meet in the near future, and another full meeting will be called soon. Please pray for us that we may find God's will and do it.

Yours in His Service,
A. B. PIERCE.

TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

The following letter, addressed to the President of the United States by the members of the Associated Committees on Public Relations, representing by appointment the Northern Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., was prepared after consultation by telegraph and long-distance telephone with members who could not attend the meeting of the Committees, called Dec. 28, 1939.

December 28, 1939.

The President
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

The Baptists of America find themselves heartily in accord with your efforts in the direction of peace. We feel that the detached and influential position of the Nation, over which you preside as Chief Executive, gives promise of substantial results in any constructive program that may be inaugurated by you, as the Chief Executive of this Nation.

We are deeply concerned, however, lest your appointment of the Hon. Myron C. Taylor, as your personal representative to the Vatican with rank of ambassador, may retard, rather than promote such efforts. The distinctive theory, upon which this Government has been founded, is the absolute separation of Church and State, and any recognition, implied or otherwise, of the political status of any ecclesiastical organization constitutes, in our judgment, an assault upon this principle.

The religious denominations of the world are not only profoundly impressed by the necessity of governmental action, looking to the bringing about of a permanent world order upon the foundation of justice, but in themselves constitute a force, properly exercised, which will continue to do much to bring about this consummation. We believe, however, that any governmental action will be made more effective by the scrupulous avoidance of any political co-operation with any ecclesiastical organization, expressed or implied.

We are profoundly convinced that the appointment of Mr. Taylor, in the capacity indicated, invites nation-wide divisive discussion as to its implications, better calculated to retard, rather than to promote the laudable objective.

One inquiry that may be made with respect to the appointment is, as to whether or not a reciprocal move on the part of the Vatican might be anticipated?

American Baptists, in their Pronouncement on Religious Liberty, oppose special favors being extended by our Government or our honored Chief Executive to any ecclesiastical body: "We oppose the establishing of diplomatic relations with any ecclesiastical body, the extension of special courtesies by our Government to any ecclesiastical official as such, and the employment of any of the branches of our national defense in connection with religious services that are held to honor any ecclesiastical leader. All such violations of principle must be resisted in their beginnings."

The Pronouncement on Religious Liberty from which the above is an extract was within the last eight months passed unanimously by the three general bodies of American Baptists; meeting in their annual gatherings; the Southern Baptist Convention, the Northern Baptist Convention, and the National Baptist Convention. These three bodies have a total membership of over 10,250,000.

We thus express our anxiety on behalf of the great cause of religious liberty, a principle embedded in our Constitution and essential to the continued existence of our democratic form of government.

In giving expression to the above views, we renew our appreciation of your courageous efforts to prevent the European War and give our

heartily approval and support to your leadership in the promotion of world peace.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed)

Rufus, W. Weaver, Chairman, Committee on Public Relations, Southern Baptist Convention

Gove G. Johnson, Chairman, Committee on Public Relations, Northern Baptist Convention

W. H. Jernagin—for L. K. Williams, President, National Baptist Convention, U.S.A.

Wm. S. Abernathy

C. M. Gallup

E. Hilton Jackson

Perry L. Mitchell

W. W. Everett

Members of Committee.

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It is said that ninety-three percent of the students in our theological seminaries come from Baptist colleges. It looks as if our supply of preachers must come from that source.

Pastor W. D. Wallace who went from Mississippi to Wilson, Ark., says that the work there is making progress. He is pastor of the only Baptist church in a radius of ten miles and has more work than one man can do. At present an effort is on to pay the last note of indebtedness on the church building. Then a forward movement in all phases of the work is planned.

In what sort of church is the best work being done, a big one or a little one? There are many comparatively small churches which have seventy five percent of the membership attending Sunday school. In one big church, said to be the second largest in the Southern Baptist Convention, less than twenty-five percent are regular attendants at Sunday school. The proportion in giving and in baptisms will show much better in the smaller churches. You may draw your own deductions.

The Conference of Evangelists belonging to the International organization which met in Jackson last week was very helpful to those who attended. On Sundays the congregation reached probably three or four thousand. On week nights there were probably as many as 2,500. As a rule the speeches and sermons were stimulating to Christian life and provocative of good works. A few of the addresses were somewhat "stagey," but as a rule they went to the heart of the gospel and to the hearts of the people. About the best, in our opinion, were the rather informal remarks of some who are working to save men and women who were criminals or social derelicts. Our Baptist people were well represented. Jackson was highly favored in having such a fine group of men and women in our midst, and we should be duly appreciative of the labors of Evangelist Howard Williams, president of the Association, who was responsible for the meeting being held in Jackson.

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THE CHRISTIAN'S DECALOGUE

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1. Thou shalt know the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour from sin.
2. Thou shalt honestly desire to lead a Christian life, with Christ as Lord and Master of your life.
3. Thou shalt have a private devotional life, with daily prayer and Bible reading.
4. Thou shalt live as a Christian, whether at home, or at play, or at work, so that others will know that you are a Christian, and Christ will be honored and the Church respected.
5. Thou shalt be faithful in attending the services of the Church, especially the Sunday morning and evening services and the mid-week service.
6. Thou shalt be faithful in giving for the support of the Church, regularly setting aside at least a tenth of your income for the Lord.
7. Thou shalt constantly be watching for opportunities to invite others to the services and to Christ, and at the services be friendly to strangers.

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

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Doxology! We came through 1939 without having to go to the bank for new money—borrowing. Mississippi Baptists—thousands of them did it under the hand of our God! Glorious testimony!

Regrets! We did have to renew three notes and had to go into our reserve fund—but we saved interest.

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A comparison of December receipts:

	Budget	Designated	5M Club	Total
1939	\$9,934.07	\$15,435.97	\$2,509.70	\$27,879.74
1938	\$7,793.34	\$13,776.74	\$1,527.24	\$23,097.32

Gain \$2,140.73 \$1,659.23 \$982.46 \$4,782.42

This is less \$1,500 bonds sold in December, 1939, and less \$2,500 bonds sold in December, 1938.

Again,

"From over hill and plain

There comes the signal strain,

'Tis loyalty, loyalty, loyalty to Christ;

Its music rolls along,

The hills take up the song,

Of loyalty, loyalty, yes, loyalty to Christ."

III

In addition, note:

SOME ADVANCEMENTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT WORK OF THE BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

"Some distinct strides, advancements, in the work of the Student Department from 1934 to 1939 are reflected in the following statistics and statements:

All State Mission Boards are now promoting student work.

Full-time Student Secretaries, local and state-wide, have doubled in number.

The paid circulation of THE BAPTIST STUDENT has more than doubled.

Demand for literature has quadrupled—example, in 1934, the number of Calendar of Events distributed was 10,000, while in 1939 it was 52,000.

Students joining the church in the college center is now a southwide movement, the benefits from which are reflected in a marked increase in Sunday School, Training Union, and Y.W.A. participation by students.

Growth of the Student Retreat at Ridgecrest from 985 in 1934 to 1450 (with enforced limitation) in 1939.

Increased attendance upon the Quadrennial Conference from 1996 in 1934 to 2689 in 1938.

Observance of Student Night at Christmas probably more than quadrupled.

Yearly increase of voluntary summer work by students, especially in Vacation Bible Schools, Youth Revivals, promotion of the work of the Sunday School, Training Union, and in mission study.

Directed prayer groups and the prayer-mate movement throughout the entire territory.

Increasing number of sustained Bible discussion group meetings.

Finally, very decided increase of interest and activity in the distinctly missionary activities of the denomination—as seen in volunteers for mission work, in study, missionary work, in international contacts and correspondence."

Note—Does that sound like going backward?

IV

We hope all pastors and many laymen—men and women—may be privileged to attend the nearest (to you) Regional Evangelistic Conference. The places and dates are—Natchez, Jan. 29; McComb, 30; Poplarville, 31; Biloxi, Feb. 1; Waynesboro, 2; Winona, 5; Leland, 6; Senatobia, 7; Iuka, 8; Louisville, 9.

Lunch will not be furnished unless other-

wise announced by local church. Parties may bring own lunches where desired.

Hold date for Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference, Clinton, February 26-29, 1940. Same date as last year.

V

This office, just before Christmas, sent out 2,500 packages of literature, 4 to 6 pieces to a package. We are now completing 300 complete copies of full audits for six of our State Agencies. This is at the request of the Commission of twenty.

We have just returned from a meeting of workers at Nashville. There we found Southern Baptists are reaching more people than ever before, with more literature interpreting the Word of God than ever before, through more organized channels than ever before.

You should have heard Dr. T. L. Holcomb pouring out his great heart in pleading for all of us and you to go on in this great Cooperative educational program in the things of Christ.

All goals have been attained thus far in the five year program, and a new four year plan was marked out—1941-1944.

VII

Back in Fall, privileged to be with Pastor J. H. Street in a unique denominational day program. Two additions, 2 for prayer. Unusual treat.

At Lumberton with Pastor Reedy and the saints of the church. Nice crowd.

At Greenwood, First, for Dr. E. J. Caswell. Good to see Congressman Whittington and many others. In addition, with Pastor Hull at Shiloh, Montgomery County. Held four revivals here sometime ago.

With Pastor Eubanks at Tabernacle, Greenville. House filled. Good day altogether.

Good representation at Laurel Conference. Spoke briefly on "The Gospel." Calvary, Jackson, Brotherhood meet at night. Many men—and Dr. Cooke brought good message.

Mississippi College chapel. An inspiring group.

B. T. U. Convention. We counted about 700 present Wednesday night. Brother Wilds knows how to plan a good program and reach the people.

With pastor Meadows, Quitman, both services holiday week-end, but good spirit among the people.

Thanksgiving service, First, Jackson. Fine early morning crowd with Pastor Hewitt.

Two services, McCool Baptist Church, N. H. Roberts, loyal pastor. Well attended. Night service at Van Winkle, with Pastor Blackford. They seem to have a filled house always.

One hundred men present at special hour Newton Baptist Church. They respond to leadership of Pastor Morris in fine manner.

Pickens with Dr. Yarborough and folks. Fine spirits. At night a house filled at Pearson. Pastor Robinson told us of building plans.

Pastor Thompson leaving Liberty. Shared two services with us to present work and preach. Regret giving him up. Spoke three times. Zion Hill in the afternoon. They were taking Lottie Moon Offering.

Leake County Association, Pastors Bragg, Burnett, etc., present. Large crowd despite heavy rain. Did I mention the dinner "on the ground?"

Brief Christmas message to Clinton P.T.A.—"Whispers That Merge Into Music."

Tylertown again with mighty fine folks, Dr. Cooper, Dr. Crawford, etc.

Enjoyed the evening program in my own church at Clinton.

House filled at Forest, ordination of Deacons, Dr. Wood, pastor. Spoke on "Daniel Like Deacons." They are happy in completing new educational annex.

Closed year on last Sunday as had begun it, namely, preaching the Gospel from the Book of Life. Doxology!

Left for Nashville meeting.

—BR—

Pastor Earl Waldrup is launching a program for a new church building in North Carrollton. On next Sunday the people will take the matter up in earnest.

NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE 1945

Note—send in your questions for answers.

Q. Who is behind this debt-paying movement?

A. The Mississippi Baptist Convention in November 1939 session authorized it. The Convention Board in December 1939 approved it. The Executive Committee in December 1939 gave final approval.

Q. What groups were here represented?

A. Pastors and laymen from all parts of Mississippi—church representatives.

Q. Were the brethren united on this plan?

A. The votes in all three bodies were unanimous.

Q. Why these obligations?

A. For monies invested in our four Christian Educational institutions.

Q. Has this money gone from us?

A. It has not, as it is at present in Endowment and building—belonging to Mississippi Baptists.

Q. When is the present schedule of bonds paid in full?

A. In 1957.

Q. If we double the 5M Club as set up in the six brackets, how much interest will we save?

A. Approximately \$300,000.

Q. If the "doubling up" plan does not succeed, what then?

A. We will continue paying through 1957.

Q. Will the "doubling up" plan increase present overhead?

A. It will not, save for a part or full time stenographer to keep records, care for correspondence, etc.

Q. Do you honestly believe we can do this thing in three years?

A. Absolutely, if Mississippi Baptist pastors and laymen—men and women—want to do that thing bad enough.

(Would you save \$300,000 for yourself if you could? Do you think as much of the Lord as you do of self? Answer.....?).

Q. Does this "NOW" plan destroy the 5M Club?

A. It does not, but simply includes it.

—BR—
DR. J. E. BUCHANAN

There passed away last week one of the landmarks of Mississippi Baptists, when Dr. J. E. Buchanan of Blue Mountain went to his heavenly reward. There were few men in the state who had served so long, or showed more devotion to the cause or had so many friends in Christ.

He was born in Ripley, and began his ministry as a physician to men's bodies. Soon the Lord made him a minister to men's souls, and for fifty years he was "a good minister of Jesus Christ." His ministry was mostly in North Mississippi and West Tennessee, and as long as there are any of this generation there will be mention of his kindness and memory of his good service. He was a vigorous minister almost to the end. He passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Claypool in Nashville, Tenn.

A few months ago his life companion passed away. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel H. Berry and was a genuine help mate for him through the years. They were married in Blue Mountain, the ceremony being performed by Gen. M. P. Lowrey. Among the children whom he left to bless the world are Dr. J. H. Buchanan, pastor of Southside Church, Birmingham and Mr. James Buchanan, Business Manager of Blue Mountain College.—Editor.

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A few days ago we mailed to the President of each Society and Y. W. A. Counselor a free copy of the book, "Give Ye Them to Eat," that we are to study in preparation for our Annie W. Armstrong Season of Prayer for Home Missions. We have sent this out that these organizations may begin in January or early February to study this book in class.

It will be necessary to buy a sufficient number of extra copies that every member of each organization will read the book before March. You will want to order these copies from the Baptist Book Store for 25c each.

We have another new mission study book, "The Stranger within Our Gates," by Dr. Plainfield. This book is a study of the foreigner in our midst and our responsibility to him. It fits beautifully into the program of Woman's Missionary Union for the March Week of Prayer. You will want to get this for 35c per copy.

During December we received \$7,469.17 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This is several hundred dollars more than was received in December 1938. If your W. M. U. hasn't sent its offering to us, please do so at once. We praise our Father for His blessings upon us.

W.M.U. MONTHLY MISSIONARY AND BIBLE TOPICS FOR CALENDAR YEAR OF 1940

Missionary Topics Theme: Steadfast Purpose in a Changing World.

January

Missionary Topic: The Eternal Purpose of God (Redemption)

1. Promise: To Eve—Call of Abraham—God's dealings with His people—Message of the prophets—fulfillment through Christ

2. Plan: God's use of individual life in witnessing

3. Proof: Current examples of consecration on mission fields

Leader.....

Bible Topic: Learning to Love the Bible—Psa. 19; Luke 4:16-22.

February

Missionary Topic: The Commission to Carry On (Evangelization)

1. The call to witness—power for the task—victories (early church history)

2. Call to present day Christians—personal witness, soul winning; activity in meeting local needs, enlistment—Good Will Centers, etc.

3. Enlarging service through Christian cooperation—church, association, state, world (Co-operative Program).

Leader.....

Bible Topic: The Missionary Heart—Luke 10: 1-9, 16-20.

March

Missionary Topic: Steadfast in the Homeland

1. Early witnesses in the homeland

2. Challenge of changing conditions

3. Unchanging need (for the Gospel)

Leader.....

Bible Topic: Questioning God: A Dialogue—Mal. 1:2 (through "us"); 1:6, 7; 2:13, 14, 17; 3:7, 13, 14, 16.

April

Missionary Topic: Unchanging Moral Standards

God's standards have not changed—His Word the final authority for Christians

1. Home—established by God—lasting in relationship, unit for training and teaching

2. Personal witness—character and conduct, personal purity, moral uprightness, unquestioned social stand.

3. Active influence for moral righteousness, interracial justice, law observance—educating for peace (start with children, peace toys rather than guns)—educating for total abstinence—against liquor and other narcotics, tobacco, marihuana—Christian observance of Sunday.

Leader.....

Bible Topic: The First Adam—The Second Adam—Gen. 3:8, 17-19; I Cor. 15:45-49, 51, 52, 54-58.

May

Missionary Topic: Youth Steadfast for Christ

1. Youth must choose—our responsibility to guide

World making bids, many voices calling—attraction of Christian schools, graded missionary education, camps.

2. Challenge of the heroic—our responsibility to present that challenge

(Mission study, biography, good literature, power of great personalities)

3. The test of the every day

Problem of youth in meeting temptation

Our responsibility to provide proper environment in home, school, church.

Leader.....

Bible Topic: God's Challenge to Youth—Prov. 3:1-17; Luke 2:52.

June

Missionary Topic: Holding Fast in Africa—"Don't Give Up Africa")

1. Beginning

2. Persevering

3. Progressing

Leader.....

Bible Topic: Suppose—Psa. 77:1-12; Hab. 2:1-3

July

Missionary Topic: Cementing Bonds of Friendship with Neighbors

(Cuba, Mexico, South America)

1. Ties that bind—the ties of nearness and common interests

2. Christianizing economic and scholastic ties

3. Strengthening spiritual ties through enlarged mission effort

Leader.....

Bible Topic: Two Ideals of Prayer—Matt. 5:1-10; 6:5-15.

August

Missionary Topic: Firm Foundations for the Future

W. M. U. Training School

1. Foundation stones

2. Enlargement

3. What the school offers to students—to S. B. C. constituency (church secretaries, young people's workers, etc.)

Margaret Fund

1. Beginning

2. Growth

3. Results

Leader.....

Bible Topic: Under His Wings—Psa. 91; 37:25; 103:17, 18.

September

Missionary Topic: "To the Jew First"

1. A called people

2. Religious and cultural contributions of the Jew

3. The Jew today—in Palestine-Syria, Europe, America, next door

4. Using our contacts for Christ

Leader.....

Bible Topic: Our Great High Priest—Heb. 1: 1-8; 8:1-6.

October

Missionary Topic: God's Unchanging Plan of Stewardship

1. The motive

2. The measure

3. The method

Leader.....

Bible Topic: What Your Money Represents—Rom. 12:1, 6-11; Matt. 24:44-51.

November

Missionary Topic: Faithful amid Persecutions (Europe)

1. Early victories of Christianity

2. Weakening forces

3. Evangelical churches

4. The price of loyalty

Leader.....

Bible Topic: Paul's First and Last Messages—I Thess. 1:3; 2:13-16; II Tim. 1:1-2; 4-1, 2, 6-8.

December

Missionary Topic: Pressing on through Difficulties (Orient)

1. The spreading of the Gospel through dispersion (Refugee camps, interior villages)

2. How the mission work goes on

3. The faithful in Japan

4. Faith triumphant

Illustrations (See letters from missionaries, etc.)

Leader.....

Bible Topic: Looking unto Jesus—Matt. 2:1, 2; Heb. 12:1-3, 11; 13:8, 20, 21.

—BR—

In reference to the appointment of an ambassador to the Pope, Charity and Children of North Carolina, says: "We are willing to go all the way with the President and any and all groups for the maintenance of peace in this country and the promotion of peace throughout the world but a peace move that would destroy one of the pillars upon which this country was founded and upon which it has always rested would be worse than war."

There may be more than one teaching of today which is destined, if not renounced, to take the civilized world back to barbarism; but that there is one is certain. We refer to what is called "self expression." In some of the colleges it takes the form of encouraging the youth to allow full play to their natural impulses. In the home it is the lazy notion of letting children do as they please without restraint from parents. Of course no sane person believes in the idea of letting a child do whatever it wishes. But some who put restraint on the children to see that they do not eat with their knives or say "I seen," seem to have no concern about curbing the bestial desires of their children or restraining or eliminating criminal instincts. It used to be said, "If you scratch a Turk you will reveal a Tartar." It can almost be said that if you scratch a civilized man you reveal a barbarian. So thin is the veneer of civilization. The difference between civilization and barbarism is the difference between a man who is under restraint, and one who recognizes no restraint. And that is the reason we say that this notion of self expression is the return road to barbarism. A civilized man is one who recognizes the necessity of law, of submission to authority, of acceptance of restraints on his conduct. Without this the road to savagery is open and short.

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WORK AND MORE WORK

By Chester E. Swor

Dear Mississippi Friends:

Because so many of you have
manifested a deep interest in my
travels and work this Fall and be-
cause I have had little opportunity
to correspond with you individually,
I am taking this opportunity to
send you a bit of information.

Having been granted a year's
leave of absence to travel in the
interest of youth work, I began my
Fall schedule with a week of youth
revival in the South Main Baptist
Church of Houston, Texas. On fol-
lowing weeks I was in Greenville,
Texas; Oklahoma City, Okla.;
Wichita, Kansas; Nevada, Missouri;
St. Louis, Mo. (in the State B.S.U.
Convention); Blytheville, Ark.;
Monroe, La.; Stuttgart, Ark.; Mem-
phis, Tenn.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Roan-
oke, Virginia; and Fort Payne, Ala.
In the majority of these engage-
ments I was conducting youth re-
vivals with emphasis not so much
upon additions to church member-
ship as upon the assimilation and
consecration of the youth already in
the church membership. The re-
sults have thrilled me and have
deepened my passion for youth
work. The three exceptions to the
youth revival program were the St.
Louis engagement in which I par-
ticipated in the program of the Mis-
souri Baptist Student Union Con-
vention, the Monroe, La., engagement
in which I spoke and conferred in
the city high school under auspices
of the P.T.A., and the Knoxville en-
gagement, in which I addressed the
Tennessee B.T.U. Convention. I am
quite reluctant to mention statistics
in connection with work of this
type; hence, suffice it to say that
every week has been filled with high
experiences; all that I have dared
to pray for—and more—has come
to pass.

On January 7th I shall resume my
schedule with an engagement with
First Baptist Church and Baylor
University at Waco, Texas. There-
after I shall be on subsequent weeks
in Dallas, Texas; Mars Hill Col-
lege, N. C.; Furman University,
South Carolina; North Little Rock,
Arkansas; Springfield, Mo.; Union
University in Tennessee; four en-

gagements in Kentucky; four en-
gagements in Alabama; one week
in Annapolis, Maryland. It is now
my plan to spend July and August
in Columbia University for the
special courses in guidance and per-
sonal work among high school and
college students.

With all my heart I appreciate the
very wonderful interest which so
many of you have shown in my
work. You will do me the greatest
favor possible by inserting my name
on your prayer list. I do so desire
strength to be physically able to
fill the schedule, and most of all
do I desire wisdom and spiritual
power for the tasks. Thank you for
remembering me!

Everywhere throughout the South
I meet former Mississippians. In
fact, one is almost inclined to be-
lieve that there are more Missis-
sippians outside of the state than
inside it! Distance and absence do
lend enchantment and a growing
fondness; all of the Mississippians-
away-from-home love our state with
a beautiful devotion. Until next
September—goodbye, and may God
bless you!

In friendship,

Chester E. Swor.

TWO VETERANS

By C. H. Bolton

Associate Secretary, The Relief and
Annuity Board of The Southern
Baptist Convention

I saw him as he sat on the lawn
of a veterans hospital. Both physi-
cally and mentally he was not the
man he was once. He had been on
the firing line. He had done his
"bit"—and it was a big bit too.
The shock of shell and the cut of
flying shrapnel had each taken its
toll. But I rejoiced that he had a
good "home" with plenty of food
and the tender care of those whose
duty it was to look after him. He
deserved it all, and more. He had
earned it.

I saw another veteran, aged and
feeble. He too bore the marks of
battle. For many long years he had
been at the front, in the thick of
the fight. He had sent no bullet
into any man's body, nor had he
colored his sword with the blood of
his fellowman. He was a "soldier
of the cross." He had fought with
"the sword of the Spirit"—the Word
of God. His enemy was the forces
of evil. His desire was to help men,
not to hurt them. When I saw him
last he, too, was sitting on the
lawn, living with his thoughts most-
ly in the past. With him sat his
aged helpmate. She had been his
comrade in all his "ups and downs"
for nearly half a century. They are
happy in their thought of having
done their best in the past and with
the hope of a home in Emmanuel's
Land in the future.

But with no salary coming in and
only the kindnesses of a busy pub-
lic—too busy to take up much time
with those "on the shelf," they fare
poorly today. It ought not to be
so. They gave too much to have to
suffer when they cannot help them-
selves.

To put an end to such dependency
among preachers in the years to
come, the Ministers Retirement Plan
has been set up. Every Baptist pas-
tor in the state whose church is

affiliated with the State Conven-
tion is eligible for membership. The
plan is operated through the State
Convention by the Relief and An-
nuity Board of the Southern Bap-
tist Convention.

For information and application
blanks write your State Secretary.
Plan now for a monthly income
when you will have to give up your
work either for disability or in-
firmity of age. Prepare now for the
day you may have to sit on the
lawn and live with your thoughts
of the past.

ROUND ABOUT ACKERMAN

The evening of December 15th,
the Adult department of the Sunday
school of the Ackerman church en-
joyed a banquet in the basement of
the church. Dr. R. C. Snow is su-
perintendent of this department.
Mrs. Bessie Russell, hostess at Choc-
taw Lake, brought her cook to the
church in the afternoon, and by the
time the crowd had finished a good
program in the church auditorium,
an abundant supply of fried oysters
was waiting to be devoured. All the
committees worked 100%, the pro-
gram was fine, and the tables were
decorated beautifully. H. L. Rhodes,
the efficient general superintendent
of the Sunday school, was master
of ceremonies, several people mak-
ing talks. The monthly officers and
teachers meeting was held at this
time with splendid attendance.

The Sunday school goes into the
new year as its fifth year as a
standard school.

Many people in this section saw
the picture, "The Life of Christ,"
in the Louisville Church January
5-6.

Rev. J. S. Deal, pastor at Weir,
has been confined to his home for
about ten days with flu. We trust
he is up going again by this time.

Just recently the churches at
Eupora and Mathiston had not call-
ed a pastor. They lost a good man
in the going of Rev. J. B. Middle-
ton to the Sardis church. Brother
Middleton had served them nine
years.

Rev. N. L. Roberts of McCool was
recently called to the pastorate of
Bethany Church in Choctaw County.

The writer recently taught "How
To Win To Christ" to a splendid
group of workers at New Zion
Church of which Rev. J. W. Kitch-
ens is pastor. This church was moved
recently to the center of the com-
munity and since that time the
Sunday school has reached the Stan-
dard.

Hon. J. P. Coleman, teacher of
the Young Men's Bible class in the
Ackerman church, is the new dis-
trict attorney. He has the very high-
est ideals, and is taking a firm
stand against lawlessness in the
counties that he serves.

The second beer election in Choc-
taw County was held in November.
Beer was voted out more than
three to one. It is being contested
by beer dealers, the Supreme Court
of Mississippi referring it back to
the Circuit court in this county
which will be held in February.—J.
B. Smith.

B. T. U. ATTENDANCE JAN. 7

Jackson Calvary	157
Jackson Griffith Church	312
Jackson Davis Church	187
Crystal Springs Church	124
West Laurel Church	211
Immanuel Church	115
Bethlehem (Jones)	69

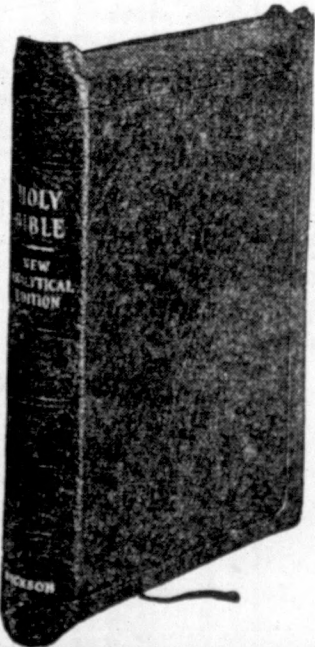
B. T. U. ATTENDANCE DEC. 31

Crystal Springs	124
W. Laurel	239
River Avenue Church	93
Bethlehem (Jones)	61
Eden	32

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GULF COAST BAPTISTS TO RALLY IN BILOXI

A Sunday School Rally for the Baptists of the Mississippi Gulf Coast area will be held at the First Baptist Church, Biloxi, Mississippi, January 21st, at 2:30 p. m. This rally will start the Special Association-Wide Intermediate Sunday School Week at Biloxi, January 21-26. Miss Mary Alice Biby, South-wide Intermediate leader of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, and John A. Farmer, Approved Intermediate Worker for Mississippi, of Enterprise, Mississippi, will direct and lead the Rally and special week's work. Miss Biby is an expert in Sunday school work, especially with boys and girls. Her message commands attention, and draws large audiences wherever she appears.

Dr. G. C. Hodge, host pastor, and Mrs. F. J. Pates, host Intermediate superintendent, are making plans to take care of 500 people at the Rally on Sunday afternoon, and a large number of workers at the nightly conferences, Monday through Friday nights. Schedules are being worked out for tours of the different churches in the Gulf Coast section. Night meetings will be held at the First Baptist Church, Biloxi, and the day will be spent holding conferences with the leaders of adjacent churches. These meetings will feature practical workable methods, discussion of problems, and training Sunday school workers and leaders.

All pastors, Sunday school super-

intendents, Sunday school teachers, and especially Intermediate workers are invited and urged to come. All young people are earnestly asked to attend.

IN PALESTINE

Dr. Geo. W. Sadler, of the Foreign Mission Board gives this recent incident from Palestine.

A Jewish rabbi saw some one reading the New Testament and he became interested. He secured a copy and read it avidly. One morning at three o'clock he became fully convinced that Jesus was "the Christ, the Son of the living God." It is not difficult to imagine what happened to him when it became known that he had denied the faith of his fathers. He was reviled and stoned by his former friends and his safety was so uncertain that one of our missionaries advised him to leave Palestine. Before he left, however, he accepted the invitation of a wealthy Jew in Haifa. The Haifa began the conversation by saying he had wealth but no children. He would like to adopt his young friend and give him his fortune on the condition that he renounce his new faith. The young convert looked him in the eye and said: "I am looking for peace. Have you peace?" Hearing the reply, "I have money," the new convert turned away. When I saw him he was eking out an existence in Beirut, while his wife and children were barely subsisting in Poland. But he had found the Pearl of Great Price and there was peace in his heart.

LITTLE VICTORIES

He was the Ford agent, and highly respected in the community. His thirteen year old son was under deep conviction, and in tears, in the Sunday morning church service, and feared what his Lutheran mother might do, if he came to Christ in a Baptist church, where he attended Sunday school. But his faithful Sunday school teacher secured her permission, and the boy came forward to confess Christ in the Sunday afternoon service. I saw the father, a big fellow, look at his own son standing up front. The father looked on the floor under deep conviction, threw his song book on the seat, and came down the aisle, stood at the side of his son before the audience, and the whole crowd was in tears at the beautiful sight of son and father coming to Christ in the same service. The big fellow asked the evangelist for a private interview, which was arranged, at which time he told the evangelist that his secret drinking was going to be difficult to overcome. After giving some well-chosen Bible verses on salvation, victory, and the New Testament Church, the man left the room rejoicing. Two days later, he and the evangelist met on the street, and he delightfully told of victory over his besetting sin, and

after two days more, told of resisting severe temptation. Two weeks later, he wrote me from the State Ford Dealer's Convention, a letter, bubbling over with joy in his newly found Saviour, and how he was witnessing for Christ at the Convention.

Signed:

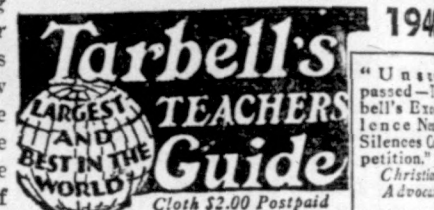
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The local church is asked to participate with all other churches in providing old age security for all Baptist ministers in Mississippi.

Baptists could have attempted to create a reserve as another denomination is doing in their present campaign for \$3,000,000. Instead of promoting such a special campaign, which would have delayed actual operation of the Ministers Retirement Plan, the Dallas Board offers an easier and yet a sure method of creating the reserve by receiving small contributions from all the churches and the Conventions over a period of years.

The money given jointly by the church (three percent of the Pastor's salary) and the State Board (two percent of the pastor's salary) is contributed to a reserve fund, from which benefits supplemental to those earned by the members' dues will be paid; assuming a satisfactory enrollment of pastors and the cooperation of their churches, a sufficient reserve fund will be built up to make the payment of the projected benefits.

Pastors should not allow congregations to remain uninformed about their obligation. THE LOCAL CHURCH DOES NOT SIGN THE AGREEMENT IN THE INTEREST OF ITS PRESENT PASTOR, rather it agrees to participate with all other churches in providing old age security for all participating Baptist ministers in Mississippi.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION WRITE

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1940

As we face the New Year, we do feel so very conscious of the fact that unless the Lord shall lead us we shall surely fall. How much we do need his wisdom and power and presence and guidance! But we are also conscious of the fact that he has never failed one of his children when that child was willing for God to lead. He not only wants to give us the victories that should come to us, but he is also able to do it in abundant measure. May we all be willing and obedient servants of his as never before.

Sunday School Convention

The next session of the Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Convention will be held at Kosciusko, March 5, 6. This will be the first time the Convention has ever been in that immediate section of the state. We are indeed grateful to the Kosciusko Baptist Church, Rev. Rowe C. Holcomb, pastor, for giving us the opportunity of coming to central Mississippi with our Convention.

BE SURE TO SAVE THIS DATE! What date? March 5, 6. Why? For the Sunday School Convention at Kosciusko.

Remarkable Record

The West Point Baptist Sunday school, Dr. J. A. Stewart, pastor, and E. H. Ruble, superintendent, has made a most phenomenal record during the last three years.

There are now as many adult men in the school as were in the entire Adult department three years ago. There are now as many people in the Young People's and Adult departments as were in the entire school three years ago.

The increase in attendance in November, 1939, over that of November, 1936, is as follows, by departments: Cradle Roll, 750%; Beginner, 15%; Primary, 38%; Junior, 73%; Intermediate, 47%; Young People, 85%; Adult, 102%. For the entire school, 56%.

The attendance GOAL for November, 1939 was 326, which was 30% over 1936. The ACTUAL attendance for November, 1939 was 392. Thus they went far beyond the goal of that month, even though the goal was much greater than had ever been before.

Their attendance average for 1936-37 was 246; for 1937-38 it was 300, and for 1938-39 it was 331. The pastor was asked to what did he attribute this remarkable growth. He, without hesitation, mentioned two things, namely, weekly meetings for check-ups and information, and definite and personal visitation. Nothing succeeds like success. And success is impossible where there is not information and work. May many other schools follow this same inspiring example and put into the 1940 program the items needed to make it a greater and better school.

Testimonies

These two testimonies came to us

recently. We pass them to you for your good also.

"My class has grown since the first two Sundays. I had only two present then due to the age group. (This was a new class organized). But since then we have seven and one more promised to come."

This was from Miss Mary Polk, Monticello.

Then, we have this word from Superintendent J. C. O'Gwynn, of Buckatunna, Wayne County: "Out of the number we visited Friday afternoon had 5 of them in Sunday school. Some of them enrolled. I feel that alone was worth the effort."

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ABOUT POCHOW

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Now although we know that "serving tables" is the poorest part of the Gospel service, yet the great needs of the people about us have made us grateful indeed for all the help we have received through the American Advisory Committee and our Foreign Mission Board. From the former we have administered \$85,000.00 and from our Board we have had \$17,000. The last piece of work, giving out some \$35,000 to the people of the Yellow River flood, we consider the best. Here we find a starving, diseased multitude—many have already died—sitting in the drowned debris of their village home. A woman on the porch this morning from there tells of her two children who starved and an older daughter who hanged herself. The little we were able to give, although appreciated, was but a sop to the starving. We cannot afford to look about for suffering.

We are exceedingly grateful that we have been able to start our preaching groups again. This fall we called our best laymen from the field for ten days' review in the Gospel fundamentals. Afterwards we selected thirty whose preaching was the best. These are out in three bands, preaching daily by two's, in the villages of those sections where the Gospel has not been preached once in all our field, village by village, some 9,500 villages. We are urging that where there are a few who believe, they be started immediately to meeting on the Lord's Day for prayer and Scripture reading. In this way we hope many little churches will be opening up in the future. Pray for such work.

The Holy Spirit has laid heavily on my heart the need to organize all our groups, where possible, into churches. They do not measure up to what we desire, but we cannot wait until that time before they are organized into churches. Paul organized as he preached and went. We feel the time demands that we give the Gospel and commit it to those who believe. The responsibility then rests with the believers and not with the missionary. We are not only teaching and organizing them into churches, but committing to them the responsibility of administering the Lord's Supper and the proper care of the Lord's table. To this end we are ordaining deacons, and committing this to them until such time as they can have local pastors.

It is impossible to grow intelligent and progressive churches and

Christians without a knowledge of the Word of God. To this end both Miss Barratt and Miss Prosser are conducting classes, teaching the women to read and study the Bible, both in the character and the phonetic script. In this manner many are led to Christ and the saved built up.

Our schools for Christians' children, some 200 plus, are doing well.

It was my privilege to lead in revival, at the church for the schools in Kaifeng recently. Some 35 professed faith in Christ. If the Lord should be pleased to give us a few more years of peace and quiet, we shall have an educated leadership.

We have just closed our semi-annual revival, led by Dr. A. S. Gillespie of the All-China Seminary, Kaifeng. The house was unable to accommodate the crowds, and the results were good, both in numbers saved and of consecration. It was also the time for the Annual Associational meeting. The North River Church went to full support, and we look for others to follow their example.

Last year our prayer was for 300 baptisms; we received 305. This year our prayer was for 500 and we have already passed that mark. We greatly rejoice in the goodness of our God and pray for a

few more years of peace and quiet.

After two weeks of serious illness, Mrs. Strother has recovered and is back at her task of teaching the children again. We were grateful for the help of kind friends in these times. The two oldest children we hope to send away to high school in Korea next year.

S. W. Strother.

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The Children's Circle

MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My dear children;

We shall soon finish our Bible stories from the book of Acts. I am wondering if any of you have suggestions as to what we might take up next in our Bible study. I'd be glad to hear from you about any ideas that you have. What would you like to study?

Our financial report for December is very good, the total gifts amounting to \$52.16. Of this \$35.26 went to the orphanage, \$14.90 to Miss Annie Laurie McLellan's scholarship, \$1.00 to Chinese relief and \$1.00 to crippled children.

We are a little slow making a start this month, but if we'll get busy, we can make up the lost time.

With love,

Mrs. Frances Steele.

BIBLE STUDY

The Plot to Kill Paul
Read Acts 23:12-35

The next morning some of the Jews, about forty in number, agreed together and solemnly promised one another that they would neither eat bread nor drink water until they had killed Paul. Then they went to the chief priests and elders and said to them, "We have agreed with one another that we will not eat nor drink until we have killed Paul. Now, therefore, we want you to tell the chief captain to bring him down tomorrow before the council as though you had some more questions to ask him; and while he is being brought, we will come upon him and kill him."

But Paul's sister's son heard about the plot and went to the castle and told Paul. Paul called one of the centurions and asked him to take the young man to the chief captain for he had something to tell him. The chief captain took Paul's nephew by the hand and led him to a place alone and asked, "What is it you have to tell me?" The young man answered: "The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul down tomorrow before the council, pretending that they want to ask him some questions. But do not bring him, for there will be hidden by the way, more than forty of them who have solemnly sworn that they will neither eat nor drink until they have killed him. They are now waiting and hoping that you will do as they ask." The chief captain warned the young man, saying, "Be sure that you do not tell anyone that you have told me these things."

The Roman governor of Judea was named Felix. He did not live at Jerusalem, but at Caesarea, about sixty miles away. When the chief captain heard that the Jews wanted to kill Paul, he determined to send him to the governor. He called to him two centurions and said to them, "Make ready two hundred footsoldiers, seventy horsemen, and a hundred spearmen to go to Caesarea at the third hour of the night. Send, too, beasts for Paul and the men with him to ride on, that he may be taken to Felix the governor."

The chief captain also wrote a letter to the governor saying, "The man whom I am sending to you was taken by the Jews who were about to kill him when I went with soldiers and took him from them. Wanting to know what evil they accused him of, I brought him before their council and found that he had done nothing for which he ought to be put to death. When it was told me that they were still determined to kill him, I sent him to you and commanded the Jews who accused him to go and tell you what they had against him."

Then the soldiers took Paul and

brought him by night to the town of Antipatris, which was on the way to Caesarea; there the footsoldiers left him, but the horsemen brought him the next day to the governor at Caesarea, giving the governor the letter from the chief captain. After the governor read the letter, he told Paul that he would hear what he had to say when the Jews who accused him came to Caesarea. He commanded that Paul should be kept in prison until they came.

Morton, Miss.

December 29, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

It looked like I would never write again, but I just kept putting it off. Here I come now after a very merry Christmas. I have been reading some good books by Grace Livingston Hill and Dr. L. R. Scarborough. I surely did enjoy them. I received lots of Christmas presents from my brothers and sisters, and \$2.00 in money. My brother who is pastor at Southside Baptist Church at Jackson came home. We had a fine time. Most of my brothers and sisters were here. My grandmother's birthday is on New Year's day. We are going to celebrate it Sunday. She will be seventy-eight years old.

I hope you have a happy New Year.

Your friend,
Arthur Cooper.

Arthur, you really did have a happy Christmas and New Year's day too. I'm sure you have enjoyed those good books.—F. L. S.

Route 1, Box 145,
Moselle, Miss.
January 1, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Just what is the New Year going to have in store for us? We do not know, but we can strive to make it one of much importance and many great services rendered.

My daddy is a preacher. I have four brothers. We all belong to Providence Baptist Church (Forrest County). Rev. L. C. Holcomb is our pastor. I think he is a fine preacher. I read the Baptist Record every week and enjoy it very much. We have been taking the paper ever since I can remember.

I wrote to Miss Annie Laurie McLellan and received a real interesting letter from her. It was so interesting I read it many times. I know she is a fine girl and I hope she will some day get to go to the foreign fields as she wishes to do. I want to go to B. B. I. when I go to school.

I hope I haven't written too much to find space on the page.

May happiness and joy be yours through the New Year.

With love,

Gladys Bryant.

I sincerely hope, Gladys, that you will be able to attend the B. B. I. and I believe that you will if you plan and work toward that end. Thanks for the good wishes.—F. L. S.

Longview, Miss.

January 2, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Our junior G.A. is sending twenty-five cents for the orphans. We have a very small organization but we enjoy it very much. We enjoy the sword drill most of all.

We carry baskets of fruit to the sick and send cards to the hospital. We gave our Lottie Moon Christmas offering before the holidays.

yours truly,

Josephine Vaughan, president; Dimple Ann Childress, secretary; Wydelle Reed, treasurer.

You can't always judge the value of a thing by its size, little girls. There's no doubt that you are a valuable organization. We thank every member of you for this gift to the orphans.—F. L. S.

Ocean Springs, Rt. 1
December 25, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele, and Children's Circle:

Holiday greetings with the hope that you all had a Merry Christmas, and the wish for a prosperous and happy New Year for each of you. For surely holidays should be a happy time when dear friends meet together, when song and laughter and cheer go round in spite of wintry weather. Let the old be young, the young be gay, and Christmas cheer drive care away.

You will find enclosed three sheaves, one for the Orphanage, one for the crippled children, and one for the B.B.I. scholarship.

Verily yours,

Mrs. C. A. P.

Mrs. "Cap," I believe your Christmas must have been a happy one, for good cheer is reflected in your letter. Thank you very much for these three contributions. Each shall find the place which you wish for it. May the new year be a happy one for you.—F. L. S.

Vaughan, Miss.

December 27, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write and hope that it will not be the last. I go to school and am in the fifth grade. My teacher is Mrs. J. G. Jacob. I go to Sunday school and church. I am a member of the G.A.'s and R.A.'s. Our pastor is Mr. Stroud. I have a sister 8 years old and two brothers, 16 and 13 years old.

I surely do hope that you had a merry Christmas and will have a happy New Year. I am enclosing 5c for the Orphanage.

Your new friend,

Lida Nell Vaughan.

Lida Nell, we are grateful for your good wishes and for the gift which you send. We are also wishing for you a happy 1940.—F. L. S.

Ellisville, Miss.

December 27, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write you. I am eight years old and in the third grade at school. Miss Ina Bell Fewell is my teacher. Santa Claus came to see me. He brought me a wrist watch that tells the time. I got some money for Christmas, too, and I am sending you twenty-five cents of my Christmas money for the Orphanage. I live on the farm and have three colts and have a little dog for a pet.

With love,

Marcus Jordan.

Santa Claus was good to you, Marcus. What a fine thing to do—sharing your Christmas money with the orphans. Thank you.—F. L. S.

PUZZLE

Women of the Old Testament
(Untangle these letters)

1. NANNAH.
2. RESTEH.
3. LJEEBE.
4. HLEACR.
5. IMRMIA.
6. IAOMN.
7. EEHBKKA.
8. AARHG.
9. OAEHBDR.
10. RASHA.
11. BARAH.
12. UHTR.

New Orleans, La.

January 4, 1940.

Mrs. X. O. Steele
Magee, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Enclosed is receipt for the \$14.90 received as a contribution of the Children's Circle for the month of December toward the scholarship for Miss Annie Laurie McLellan. I join her in grateful appreciation for every one who has thus helped this fine young woman in preparation for her life's work.

Thanking you and every one who had a share in the offering, and wishing for every one the greatest possible New Year, I am
Yours gratefully.

W. W. Hamilton,
President.

Financial Report for December, 1939

Special to Orphanage:

Jimmie Frances Crouse	.05
Billy Horne	.10
A Friend (for building fund)	3.00
Geral Dine Tillson	.05
Annie Ratliff	.26
Hazel Byrd	.05
Sarah Ethel White	.05
Jr. Dept. Gloster S. S.	2.00
Sunbeams, Union Church	.40
P. I. Lipsey, Jr.	10.00
Colorado J. L. Club	2.00
Fay Cannon	.05
John and Julia Lipsey	10.00
Beatrice Alliston	.10
Miss Mary King	1.50
Intermediate Girls S. S. Class, Enterprise	.75
Junior Class, Escatawpa Baptist Church	.50
June Edwards	.10
J. L. Club No. 1, F. M. Henley, leader	.50
Lida Nell Vaughan	.05
Mrs. C. A. P.	1.00
F. L. S.	2.50
Marcus Jordan	.25
Total	\$35.26

Special to B.B.I. Scholarship:

Miss C. K. Stovall and friends	5.00
A Friend	2.00
Colorado J. L. Club	2.00
Carolyn Coalson	.05
Miss Mary King	1.00
Intermediate Girls S. S. Class, Enterprise	.75
J. L. Club No. 1, F. M. Henley, leader	.50
Billy Horne	.10
Mrs. C. A. P.	1.00
F. L. S.	2.50
Total	\$14.90

Special for Chinese Relief:

Intermediate S. S. Class, Brandon	1.00
Special for Crippled Children:	
Mrs. C. A. P.	1.00
Grand Total	\$52.16

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This week's issue of the Record will bring to you an interesting report of our Training Union work for the year 1939. It includes the work throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, and a brief mention of a few items for Mississippi apart from the rest. You will rejoice in the fine progress we made in 1939 gaining in every way over previous years. We give God credit and glory for it all, as our efforts are only that He may be crowned King in all the earth.

New Unions Organized

The Sunday School Board had requests for free literature for one quarter during the first eleven months of 1939 from 5,335 leaders. This means that during 1939, not counting Dec. 5,335 unions were either organized for the first time, or re-organized. The net gain in number of unions was 1,488. 314 of these were in Mississippi, with another six added in December. Every state in the Convention is included in this report. This 5,335 represents 533 Story Hours; 1,139 Junior Unions; 1,131 Intermediate Unions; 1,438 Young People's Unions; 1,096 Adult Unions. B.Y.P.U. was first begun for that group we call "Young People," 17-24, and they still lead in number.

Study Course Awards

One indication of growing interest is the growing number of study course awards issued. This year, 1939, the Training Union Department of the Southern Baptist Convention issued 265,776 study course awards. This is an increase of nearly 22,000 of 1938, and nearly 75,000 of 1937. In 1937 we issued 190,952; in 1938, 243,803. We had for our goal in Mississippi for 1939 12,000. We issued 11,727, missing our goal by 273. That was mighty close and we appreciate the cooperation of our constituency. For the five year period ending with the close of 1940 we had for our goal 50,000, so far we have issued 36,834 leaving us 13,166 for this year if we reach our goal. Surely we can do it. I BELIEVE WE WILL, I do not believe our leaders are going to "let Mississippi down." Let EVERY union have at least one study course. Many should have several study courses during the year. We have 40,000 or more enrolled in Training Union. Every member needs to study the Manual this year, every member needs to study a soul winning book this year, and every member needs to study a stewardship book this year. We may not be able to reach this ideal goal, but it seems reasonable to believe we can, knowing that we will have many who will take several books, average a half a book per member. That will give us 20,000! Will you accept a challenge that we present the south with a report of 20,000 awards in Mississippi in 1940?

Answer it by mapping out your plans for a study course a quarter for your union, or as many as it may seem wise in your situation.

Hickory Ridge, Rankin County Wants To Know!

Last year we reported that only nine churches in the Southern Baptist Convention issued 200 or more Training Union awards, and that only one church in Mississippi, Griffith Memorial, Jackson, and they came fourth in the south on a percentage basis, on seeing that the pastor, Rev. A. W. Talbert, asked his church, Hickory Ridge in Rankin County to issue a challenge to the other churches in the state, saying they would issue 200 and challenged any other church to beat that on a percentage basis. Now THEY WANT TO KNOW what you have to say! They are ready to report, the fact is—here is the report: They have "Church membership" is 74, that is resident members, and they have issued during 1939, GET IT, 221 study course awards, an average of three per resident church member. We hope to have their picture later for this page.

Book Report Next Week

Next week we will give you a book report showing the list of study course books and the number of awards for each book for the year 1939. This will help you to make your selections for study courses for 1940, as it will not only give you the books in the courses but will also show the most popular books in each course.

Bethlehem In Jones County Sets Up The Training Union

We are happy to have a report from the General Secretary, Mrs. Wm. H. Walters, of the Bethlehem Church in Jones County. Recently they changed from a small B.Y.P.U., Intermediate, Young People's and Adult Unions. Their enrollment when this report was made was 95 with growing interest. Mr. R. C. Balch is their able director, and brother G. G. Mooney the beloved pastor. Congratulations, Bethlehem, and may this report of your progress inspire many other churches to "go and do likewise."

1940 Calendar of Activities

We are this week mailing to all Training Union directors a copy of the 1940 Calendar of Activities. We will be glad to mail a copy to any leader who may desire one. This calendar carries suggestions for each month that will help you in working out your program for the year. You cannot have the best results in your union unless you "look down the year" and plan for the entire twelve months. Some changes may have to be made during the year. BUT PLAN A YEAR'S PROGRAM NOW, and see the difference it will make for efficiency in your union.

Fifth Annual Meeting For Associational Baptist Training Union Officers

The fifth Annual Conference for

Associational officers will be held in Meridian, February 22-23. This is one day earlier than previously announced. It seems wise to have the meeting on Thursday and Friday instead of including Saturday. The usual 2c per mile will be allowed for each car that comes and brings some of the associational officers. This will be the LAST of these annual meetings, and we are very anxious to have a full attendance. Please plan to attend, and encourage every associational officer in your association to attend.

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NEWS IN THE CIRCLE L. E. Roane

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Thanks to good friends for expressions with reference to this column. May it prove a blessing.

Recently I saw minutes of Zion Association, printed in the 50's. The Associational session lasted four days including one Sunday. The sermon was printed also. Zion Association extended through the east half of Calhoun and into Pontotoc County.

The writer appreciated an invitation to speak at a two days' session of a Bible study conference at Woodland Church, Pontotoc County, Dec. 8 and 9.

Pittsboro Church, Rev. C. H. Elard, pastor, has fine crowds and good services. Among its members are the moderator of Calhoun Association, Deacon Bradford Murphree; its treasurer, brother Bryant Flannigan; Deacon A. A. Bruner, 85, a former moderator; Former Sheriff Sam H. Smith, and Former County Superintendent, H. W. Haniford, also a deacon.

The writer is very favorably impressed with the report of the State Convention given by the editor. Brother McCall's column each week is winning praise also. Regret that more of us could not attend.

A large copper still was destroyed by two secret service men near Sarepta recently. The writer looked over the remains and wondered why human beings would engage in such work, especially within half a mile of a church that was erected more than 80 years ago. You just don't know what people will do!

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST LEADER TO BILOXI

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Miss Mary Alice Biby, Southwide Intermediate Worker of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will be in Biloxi, Jan. 21-28, to direct and lead conferences in a special week of Sunday school work.

These conferences will be held nightly at the First Baptist Church in Biloxi, Monday through Friday night, and daily in the surrounding churches. This work will feature organization of Intermediate Sunday school work, visitation, and Evangelism in the Gulfcoast area.

Miss Biby is peerless as a leader of Intermediate boys and girls. She is an expert worker with Sunday school workers. Her discussions are practical, informational, and present solutions to fundamental problems in a Sunday school.

A Great Rally to begin this Special Week's effort will be held in the First Baptist Church, Biloxi, Miss., Sunday afternoon, Jan. 21. Over 500 Baptist pastors, Sunday school superintendents, Sunday school teachers and workers, and Intermediate boys and girls are expected to attend this Rally. Plans have been perfected and arrangements made by Dr. G. C. Hodge, pastor, and Mrs. F. J. Pates, Intermediate superintendent of the host church, to take care of the largest group of religious workers ever to assemble on the Gulfcoast in a meeting of this kind. All interested persons of all denominations are invited and urged to attend.

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S. S. ATTENDANCE JAN. 7

Jackson Calvary Church	909
Jackson Davis Church	223
Jackson Griffith Church	716
West Laurel Church	398
Crystal Springs	256
Bethlehem (Jones)	106
Springfield (Morton)	131
Enterprise	69
Hattiesburg Immanuel	174

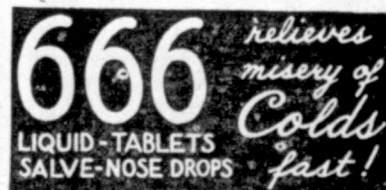
S. S. ATTENDANCE DEC. 31

Crystal Springs Church	318
West Laurel	457
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FROM THE BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE OFFICE

How many Baptists are directly affected by the War?

It will be of interest to our people to know that the countries which are combatants in the present war include among their citizens over a million and a quarter members of Baptist churches. Another quarter million live in lands fringing the countries which are actually at war. For these also, the normal routine of life is interrupted, and they fear that at any hour they may be involved. (The latter figure ignores the fact that the United States fringes Canada, since the conditions are in that case quite different.)

Congo: encouraging Missionary report.

The Danish Baptist Mission in Ruanda-Urundi, Belgian Congo, reports remarkable advance during the last twelve months. The foundations of the mission have been firmly laid during the first ten years of its operation. There are now three churches, 660 members, and 1,900 scholars. A year ago only one church had been organized, and this included the 557 members and 1,200 scholars of the mission. Interest is keen, and has all the strength of a revival movement. The statistics, showing an increase of nearly 20% in membership and over 50% in scholars, certainly confirm the report.

German Baptist Mission in the Cameroons.

Dr. Rushbrooke has addressed to the British Colonial Office a letter asking whether the missionaries in the German Baptist Cameroons, or any of them, have been prevented from continuing their work by the outbreak of war. The policy of the British Government is to avoid as far as possible any interference with religious work. It has been publicly stated that German missionaries promising to avoid political expression or action are permitted freely to carry on their service, but that some have declined to give such a pledge. Whether the German Baptists in Cameroons are affected is not yet known, but the Colonial Office is enquiring. The Baptist World Alliance will, if necessary, suggest to Baptist missionary organizations of other lands the rendering of temporary assistance in maintaining any mission work that may be hampered by war conditions.

The Far Eastern peril to religious freedom.

It will be recalled that at the Atlanta Congress Dr. Rushbrooke's report included the following statement: "As to Asia, no feature of our time is as grovellingly alarming to the missionary enterprise as the multiplication of restrictions and demands in the enlarging Japanese-controlled areas of the Far East—the puppet-state 'Manchukuo,' Korea, and Japan itself, to which extensive regions of China may be added. Documents emanating from some of these areas indicate grave and multiplying obstacles to missionary propaganda; while the reverence to the Emperor exacted from Christian pupils in schools, in forms scarcely, if at all, distinguishable from Shinto religious rites, sug-

gests too closely the Roman Emperor-worship for refusing which early Christians endured a martyr-death."

A lengthy article by a "correspondent" circulated from Geneva through the International Christian Press brings the issue to a focus in a paragraph which reads:

"It is when we come to the essence of what is involved in shrine worship that the chief difficulty arises for the man of Christian faith. To obey an order to conform to the shrine ceremonies even if you have no belief in the mythology and do not regard yourself as having performed a religious act, is really a supremely religious act. It acknowledges that the supreme head of the State is one from whose commands there is no appeal in heaven or earth. It is a handing over of yourself, body and soul, to the State, and to a State which makes claims which a Christian cannot accept. Now a Christian man is a man who has consecrated himself first of all to God. It is difficult to see how conformity with shrine-worship and this conscious fellowship with God can exist together. You can never make God a partner to a compromise or a deception."

Spain.

The reports that the government intends to suppress the religious liberty of non-Romanists in Spain have led Dr. Rushbrooke to make enquiry in well-informed circles. At the end of October he received an intimation that there is no available evidence of any such purpose. The Baptist World Alliance is watching developments. It will be recalled that General Franco has given definite pledges that all Christian communions shall enjoy full religious freedom.

Danish Baptist Centenary: Remarkable Demonstration.

The centenary of the opening of Baptist work in Denmark was celebrated at the end of October. The occasion evoked many expressions of appreciation from non-Baptists of the work accomplished by Kobber, Monster, and other pioneer Baptists. It was freely acknowledged that the tolerant laws of today were secured mainly as a result of their sufferings. The celebration also furnished opportunity for a review of the relations between the State Church (Kolkekirken) and the Free Churches; and it is notable that representatives of the State Church and the Government, and leading newspapers, have freely acknowledged their gratitude to the Baptists for their courageous struggle and their remarkable religious activity in fields where the Established Church was neglecting its opportunity and its duty. Kristeligt Dagblad emphasizes the debt to the Baptists for strong and unswerving reverence for the Scriptures both in preaching and practice.

The Baptist World Alliance sent an official message of greeting to the centennial assembly and named as its spokesman its distinguished vice-president, Dr. N. J. Nordstrom, who this year took a leading part in the Atlanta Congress. The official sermon was preached by Professor A. T. Ohrn, who had preached at the World Congress.

LIGHT FROM BIBLE PROPHECY ON THE EUROPEAN WAR AND ITS RESULTS

"Read the Bible and get the news in advance," said a well-known Bible teacher. When Hitler began the tragic war in Europe in September the civilized world was shocked, stunned, aghast. "What does it mean?" many were asking. "What next?" "What will this lead to?" "Only God knows what will come now," was the thought in many hearts. But God does know. And God has answered the question. "What shall be the end of these things?" (Dan. 12:8).

No careful student of Bible prophecy would make the mistake of attempting to say just how the present European war is going to end, or what this or that European ruler is going to do. We dare not attempt to identify such present Dictators as Hitler, Stalin, and Mussolini with any personages of Bible prophecy. One or another of the present European Dictators may be on the scene, or may not be, in the final events of the end of this age, so plainly described in Scripture, when Christ returns in glory and power to reign over this earth.

But we do know, from Bible prophecy, the course of national and religious events in the end of the age, and many careful students of prophecy believe that we can identify certain nations of today from Bible prophecy, and know the part that they will play in the final line-up and warfare of the nations. Whether that final line-up and warfare are close at hand, or years ahead, no man dare say. Date-setting in connection with Bible prophecy is thoroughly discredited, as it should

be. As to the actual return of the Lord, Christ himself said, "Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Matt. 24:36).

One of the most widely known Bible teachers in the field of prophecy today is Dr. Louis S. Bauman, of Long Beach, California. His sermons and published articles on prophecy have been eagerly followed for many years by Christian people. Therefore when the cataclysmic war broke last month in Europe, the Editor of the Sunday School Times (Philadelphia) asked Dr. Bauman to write a series of articles interpreting the present war and the coalitions of nations. They will be published week by week in this interdenominational journal of nation-wide and world-wide circulation, beginning in November.

Some of the questions that Dr. Bauman will discuss in this notable series are the following:

How can we identify Russia, Germany, and other modern nations with the Bible mention of these nations?

How did students of prophecy know that the break between Russia and Britain must come, and that the union between Russia and Germany was inevitable?

How do Great Britain's repudiation of the Balfour Declaration to give Palestine to the Jews, and Mussolini's expressed desire, in recent years, to have the Mandate for Palestine turned over to him, fit in with prophecy? Why has Palestine well been called "The Navel of the Earth?"—Sunday School Times.

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PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO THE LOST

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We have been thinking of and praying for the great number of lost people within the bounds of our community and state who are without knowledge of Christ as Savior—that is, some of us have. And it would be strange indeed if Christ reigned as Lord in our lives, blessing and guiding us, and yet we do not speak of Him to others.

It is said that Dr. Johnson, the great English writer, had a Greek phrase placed on the dial of his watch, "The Night Cometh." And how true it is. Not only the night following day, but the night time of life comes so soon after its sunrise, noon, and evening. We need to write those words in our hearts realizing that today is the time the Lord has given us to work for Him. Now is the time He would have us witness for Him by word of mouth, by our financial gifts, and by our influence. How am I obeying the Great Commission which Christ gave to all of his followers? Am I in any way making disciples or teaching others to obey the commission? Christ says, "Go and make disciples of all nations . . . teaching them to observe all the things that I have commanded." This is my task. May I not fail while it is yet day, for "The night cometh."

The early Christians went everywhere telling the good tidings of salvation. It is Christ's plan for us that out of the joy of our Christian experience we should be telling the good news to all those around us. Jesus alone has the words of eternal life which the world needs to hear, and He wants to speak those words through you and me. May we see our task and express our willingness to go to the lost in our community and in our state.

We, as a church and as individual Christians, have been too careless about the work the Lord has sent us to do. We have not told the lost of the Savior as we should in word, example, and precept. Some at least have led our youth into paths that were not for their best interests. Thus we have lost the opportunity to win lost people to Christ while it is day and "The night cometh." The day is coming that we will wish for the opportunity that we are today throwing away. When "The night cometh" and we have wasted our opportunities to inform the lost of Jesus as Savior, and we have failed to help send the message of life to the lost in our state and to the uttermost part of the earth, it will be a sad time, and perhaps many will shed bitter tears of regret because of lost opportunities.

Prayer is one thing that should not be neglected in the matter of our personal responsibility to the lost. Seemingly our people have forgotten the importance of prayer, of united prayer. Of course, we can pray at home, but the Bible commands united prayer as we come together for that purpose. "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." "That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall

be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." Thus we see that united prayer is required and blessed. Our weekly prayer meeting is a fine place to carry out this requirement of the Bible. Our people have forgotten, seemingly, this splendid opportunity to meet and pray.

This word on prayer: "No man can pray as he should without the aid of the Holy Spirit." The unsaved man thinks of prayer almost entirely in terms of petition, asking God for something he wants for himself. But when the Spirit of God enters his heart to abide, he finds himself communing with God as a friend. He thinks of him as a loving Father, and while he still makes his petition to his Father, prayer means infinitely more than that to him. Consequently, by the fact that the Spirit of God has been given to him as an indwelling presence, one may know that he is God's child. Are you sure that you are God's child? It might be well to take stock and find out, one way is through prayer and another is by our interest in the lost.

So we want to begin anew to make efforts to win the lost around us. In our state half or more of those over ten years of age are said to have made no profession of religion. What a blight on our profession of religion!

Shall we not wake up and go out after our lost friends and neighbors, in some instances they are our own loved ones? Let us realize afresh what it means to be lost, "without God and without hope in this world," and in the world to come. With Frances Ridley Havergal we say:

Have you not a word for Jesus?

Will the world his praise proclaim?

Who will speak if you are silent,
Ye who know the Savior's Name?
You (whom He hath called and chosen

His own witness to be,
Will you tell your gracious Master,
"Lord, we cannot speak for Thee"

"Cannot!" though He suffered for you,

Died because He loved you so!
"Cannot!" though He has forgiven,
Making scarlet white as snow!

"Cannot!" though His grace abounding

Is your freely promised aid!
"Cannot!" though He stands beside you,

Though He says, "Be not afraid."

Jesus, Master, yes, we love Thee
And to prove our love, would lay
Fruit of lips which Thou would open,
At Thy blessed feet today.

Many an effort it may cost us,
Many a heart beat, many a fear,
But Thou knowest, and wilt strengthen,

And Thy help is always near.
Give us grace to follow fully,
Vanquishing our faithless shame,
Freely it may be but truly,
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—BR—

Mother: "Why were you kept in after school today, Junior?"

Junior: "The teacher told us to write an essay on 'The Results of Laziness' and I turned in a blank sheet of paper."

SON OF DAVID

Matt. 1:1

The Saviour of the world came in the peaceful stillness of that first Christmas night. There were only a few devout persons such as Simeon and Anna; Joseph and Mary that were looking for His coming.

The exact time of His birth had been foretold by the prophet Daniel (Dan. 9:25) and this His first advent was the fulfillment of many Old Testament prophecies; yet only these were prepared to receive Him. We are told that "when the fullness of time was come God sent forth His Son into the world."

There are many prophecies concerning the first advent of our Lord and there are still many more that foretell the fact and conditions of His "second coming." There are two covenants that call for two distinct advents, namely—Abrahamic covenant of promise which embraces the humiliation and sacrifice of the Cross and the Davidic covenant which is to be realized in His exaltation to the throne of His Father David. Just so sure as He came and in bodily form the first time, just so certain is He to return in bodily form the second time. As the Son of Abraham, he came as the obedient Son of Sacrifice, fulfilling that wonderful type represented by Isaac in Hebrews 11:17-19. We also find in Gal. 3:14 that according to the promise made to Abraham, the blessings of Salvation have come to the Gentiles through Jesus Christ.

The two genealogies of Jesus Christ show that He is legally the Son of David and heir to David's throne; yet the promise made by God to David has not been fulfilled. The promise was that David's throne should be established forever by One who should have the divine right to rule and reign in power and righteousness. Ps. 72:1-17.

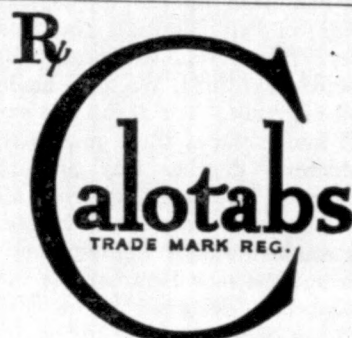
The prophecy that He should be born of a virgin has been fulfilled (even if some finite creatures do pit their reasoning against the declarations of the infinite God and deny this) but the angel Gabriel declared to the Virgin Mary that her Son should sit on the throne of His Father David which is yet to take place in the future. Let us notice how positive and emphatic are the statements made in Scripture concerning this second advent. Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise and prosper, and shall execute the judgment and justice in the earth. (Jer. 33:5-6). Then in Acts 15:16-17, we have these words, "After this I will return and I will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up. That the residue of men might seek after the Lord and all the Gentiles upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things." Acts 15:16-17.

Jesus Christ while here on earth,

after being rejected by the Jews, for He was born "King of the Jews," continued to proclaim His future kingly inheritance. He was ever admonishing His followers to watch and be in readiness for His return to the earth. "And what I say unto you, I say unto you all; WATCH."

Jesus the risen Christ also confirmed the testimony of all of God's chosen witnesses when He said, "I am the root and offspring of David the bright and morning star. Behold I come quickly." And God will give unto Him the throne of His Father David and He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

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You may be interested in some of my activities. At present I am acting head of the China Baptist Theological Seminary, which has been newly organized and which it is hoped will head up the theological training of all Baptists in this country. The permanent head will be elected next June. We have made a good beginning; our faculty is excellent and includes three men with the doctor's degree. Our student body though not large, is from all over China and very good indeed. There are two Junior Baptist Seminaries but the new Seminary is the standard one, designed to be conducted on lines similar to Louisville and Fort Worth. In addition to this I have been executive secretary of the International Relief Committee which has spent \$350,000.00 Chinese currency for refugee work; last winter we fed 7,000 people in Kaifeng alone. Then I am chairman of the International Famine Relief Committee here and have had to act as temporary head of the Y. M. C. A. to help them out for a few months. I have resigned from the Y. M. C. A. job because I had too much to do. During the past summer I spent weeks trying to help to British groups which were run out of Kaifeng by the invaders. We live under tension but the work goes right on. Since the war began we have baptized many hundreds in this area. We do not write details because it is not wise but in sober truth we have seen and heard things which you would hardly believe and which would make a blood and thunder dime novel look tame. Never have I been happier in my work. Never have I had greater opportunities for usefulness. Never have I had so many calls on me for help. The Japanese seem disposed to want to deal with most of the problems relating to the foreigners here through me. This puts a big burden and responsibility on me.

With warmest greetings to you and all friends, I am

Very cordially yours,
Hendon M. Harris,
Kaifeng, Honan, China.

BLUE MOUNTAIN BUILDING

Ground for a modern social-religious activities building, to be known as The Henry Broach Hall, was broken on Blue Mountain College campus in the presence of the entire student body and faculty with appropriate exercises. The building will be completed before commencement, perhaps by Easter.



Miss Mary Alice Bibby, who will lead in a special Gulf Coast Sectional Intermediate Sunday School Week at First Baptist Church, Biloxi, Miss., January 21, 26.

The building is to be a memorial to the late husband of Mrs. Henry Broach, of Meridian, who made the largest contribution to the building fund.

President Lawrence T. Lowrey presided over the ceremony, which was opened with singing of Alma Mater, followed with the invocation by Dr. J. H. Buchanan, pastor of the Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala. Marie Gary, Eupora, president of the student body, read the 121st Psalm, which has been adopted as the Blue Mountain Psalm, and also II Samuel 7:13. This was followed with a prayer led by Lois Brimm, Memphis, president of the Baptist Student Union. Mae Blanche Sensing, Nashville, Tenn., read a poem entitled "Breaking Ground," written especially for the occasion by Elizabeth Majors, Training Union director of the college.

Miss Mary D. Yarborough, student secretary, then broke ground by turning the first spade of earth. She was followed by President Lowrey and the presidents of four college classes who performed the same function.

The structure will be of brick and will contain an assembly room seating three hundred persons, a general reading room, an office for the student secretary, devotional rooms; and in the basement a recreation hall and a kitchen.

Miss Mary D. Yarborough, student secretary of the college, in whose mind the building took shape several years ago, began quietly to raise funds for the building in December, 1938, among the students of the college. Other friends of the college were so impressed with the need for the building that they, too, contributed.

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GOD'S THREE GARDENS

"And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed." Gen. 2:8.

But man disobeyed God and sin entered the garden. "Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken." Gen. 3:23.

Man was driven from the Garden of Eden, a creature made in God's own image; an immortal soul given by the breath of God, a free agent, capable of choosing between right and wrong, into a world of sin, subject to the temptation of Satan. But God loved this being He had created, and knowing He had given him an immortal soul—He plans his redemption.

"In the fullness of time," God made another garden. On the rugged Mount of Olives, beyond the Brook Kidron, lies Gethsemane. It was not a beautiful garden, it was dark and silent, no birds sang—a garden of sacrifice and sorrow. The man that walked in this garden was a "man of sorrow and acquainted with grief." It was a costly garden, all the agonies of a sin cursed world was paid for in this garden. All the golden streets of the garden of Paradise, all the pearly gates of the New Jerusalem, did not cost God as much as this garden.

God so loved the world that He made Gethsemane, Luke 22:39—John 18:1—Mark 14:32—Matt. 25:36—all tell us of this garden. It is the soul of the Holy Land, the inward sense of the real presence of Jesus.

Jesus met the spirit of despair in this garden. After that meeting, the cross had no terrors for Him, because He had already endured there; The grave, no fears, because He had already conquered it.

How calm and gentle was the voice with which He awakens His sleeping disciples; How firm the step with which He went to meet Judas.

The bitterness of death was behind Him in the shadow of the Olive trees. It was in the agony of this garden that Paradise was regained, it lies directly in the way to Heaven.

We cannot escape it, if we come out with a cross, which we exchange for a crown, when we come to the garden of Paradise. That city not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.—Rev. 21:2.

—Mrs. J. T. Cotten.

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

God blesses, and we are happy, and the work moves forward.

Our regular morning and evening services have been well attended, and the spirit of the work is high. All the departments are doing good work. We are in real need of a church building. Our present building is not arranged so as to accommodate our needs. But in the face of this serious handicap everyone is doing his best to be happy in the work. The pastor feels that he has, as Paul expressed himself, "If any have whereof to rejoice, I more."

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 5th the pastor and some members of the board of deacons attended the special services of the Ministers Retirement Plan given at the First Church, Jackson, and on Tuesday evening, Dec. 12th we had a meeting of our board at the church and Hon. Judge Sydney Smith was our guest speaker to present the Retirement Plan to the board. We had a real good meeting with a good percent of the members of our board present.

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